

The shocking accident on the Lake Shore railroad, while not necessarily proving that iron bridges are untrustworthy, calls attention sharply to the importance of frequent and thorough examination of these structures, and suggests the inquiry whether a short-sighted economy and the practice of awarding the building of bridges by contract to the lowest bidder has not resulted oftentimes in the use of poor iron in their construction. The prevalent mode of heating cars, by which they must necessarily take fire in case of a smash-up, will also receive its portion of criticism. There seems to be no question but that cars might be heated by steam, thus avoiding all danger from fire. The burning of the Brooklyn theater has led to a pretty thorough overhauling of theater exits, and it is this accident should lead to greater care in the construction and inspection of bridges, and to such an improvement in heating cars as has been mentioned, it would not be without its compensations.

COMMODORE VANDERBILT has finally succumbed to his long illness, and passed quietly away at his home in New York Thursday morning, at the age of 83. His father was a Staten Island boatman, and he had taken to boating and in early life had a steamboat line of his own, and acquired quite a competence in this business. At the opening of the war he turned his attention to railroading, and since then has been known as the President of the New York Central and Hudson River railroad, which under his management has grown to be one of the best and safest roads in the country, while its four tracks give it unequal facilities for the rapid transportation of freight. His abilities and labors were rewarded by an accumulation of property amounting to the immense sum of one hundred millions, a larger fortune than any man in this country has ever before gathered together in a life-time. His son, William H., who has practically been the manager of the New York Central for a few years, will probably succeed him in the Presidency. His funeral takes place on Sunday.

Democratic Desperation!

As we drift nearer the time for counting the electoral votes in Congress, the more desperate do the democratic leaders at Washington become, and the more frail appear their hopes of securing the election of Tilden. The investigations at the South injure rather than encourage their hopes, and show that the worst of terrorism and fraud was practiced there by the democrats. Investigations fail to show well for their side, and the more thorough the search for fraud the more frequently it is found with the party they represent. It looks clearer and clearer, as the time approaches, that Rutherford B. Hayes will be declared President of these United States. All the quibbling of the Democrats, all the false claims they may set up, will amount to nothing. There is but one course to pursue, and that course will defeat Mr. Tilden, despite the assumptions put forth by his partisans. The fact is, the Democratic party declared its candidates elected before the result of half the States had been heard from, and it has continued in this declaration, in the face of facts to the contrary, blustering and threatening, ever since. The desperate game played in regard to the Oregon electors illustrates the character of the straits they are in, and the means they are using to carry their points. Just now, while this subject is trembling in the balance, the poor freedmen are praying more fervently than ever for deliverance. In the late election they realized what a vote was worth, and it cost many of them their lives. With Hayes elected they know they will be safe, and that their persecution will come to an end. With Tilden counted in they know that freedom to them will be but a name, and that their condition will be even worse than when they were in slavery.

Storm upon Storm.

The memory of the oldest inhabitant can not recall a winter much more thoroughly "old fashioned" than the present one has been thus far. Of late hardly a week has passed without one or more violent storms, the snow gathering and drifting to such an extent as to pretty effectually blockade many of the highways, and give the railroads no end of trouble, while the accompanying winds have done a great deal of damage, both on land and water; and added to all, the cold has been quite intense and long-continued, making all outdoor travel and labor exceedingly undesirable and uncomfortable.

Last Friday's storm, severe enough in this region, was accompanied by a tempestuous gale in the northern part of Berkshire county, the wind blowing with such force that a person could hardly stand against it. At North Adams and other places windows were broken and chimneys blown down, while some pine woods near Clarksburg were about half blown down. The steamship Circassian, which went ashore near Bridgelandhampton, N. I., during the gale of Dec. 11, went to pieces during this storm. About 400 tons of the cargo had been taken out of the steamer, and it was expected that another day's work would lighten her so she could get 33 men on board without means of rescue, and all but four perished. The storm was very severe in New York, and trains were badly blocked. On Saturday, Bennington, Vt., was visited by a fearful gale, with hail and snow. The Baptist church steeple fell, and a couple of mill-roofs were demolished by falling chimneys.

New Year's day snow fell from the northern states to the Gulf of Mexico, from four inches to two feet falling in Louisiana. At Washington snow was knee deep, and at New York there was the heaviest fall for several years, and navigation was suspended on both rivers. Sea-faring men have had a hard time of it, and several cutting buoys went ashore. The snow-fall was unusually severe in the southern and eastern part of New England, and travel on all the railroads was badly impeded.

MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE.

Its Organization on Wednesday; Second Message of Gov. Rice.

The Legislature for 1877 was organized without much pomp or ceremony. The Senate elected J. B. D. Cogswell of Yarmouth, president, there being no less than eight candidates, but this result was not reached until four ballots had taken place. The House reelected its last year's speaker, John D. Long of Hingham, and then both branches attended church services at the new Old South Church, Rev. B. F. Hamilton of Boston preaching the election sermon. Last year's clerks of the Senate and House were reelected.

On Thursday afternoon Governor Rice delivered his message to both branches, and a respectable gathering of outsiders in the galleries. It is pretty lengthy and very dry. In regard to the finances he declared that the financial condition of the State is in many respects encouraging and gratifying, but the great depression in the industries and general business of the country shows that States, like individuals, must observe that economy in expenditure which shall be fully covered by some form of income, in order to meet maturing obligations and preserve the public credit; and when the income is derived largely from taxation, both public and private interest demand, in times like these, that the burden shall not be needlessly heavy. After remarking that while we would not be justified in adopting a niggardly policy in matters of administration, any extraordinary outlay should be deferred till returning prosperity shall give larger increase to private incomes. Amount of debt outstanding Jan. 1, 77, \$23,886,464.

Negotiated during the year:
Worcester Hospital loan, \$300,000
Danvers Hospital loan, 450,000
Harbor Improvement loan, 300,000
Total, \$1,050,000
Paid during the year:
Union fund loan of 1861 (final), 1,436,000
Aggregate funded debt, Jan. 1, 1877, \$33,556,464

Classified as follows:
Railroad loans, \$17,762,499
War loans, 11,068,188
Ordinary loans, 4,725,776
Total, \$33,556,464
Net reduction of debt in 1876, \$537,000.

The loans which mature during the current year are the Norwich & Worcester Railroad loan of \$400,000; a portion of the Union Fund loan of 1862, amounting to \$400,000; and the last installment of \$50,000 of the Northern Lunatic Hospital loan of 1857. The redemption of these loans is fully provided for by the sinking funds and other means applicable thereto. The estimates for expenses for 1877 may be stated as follows:
Ordinary and exceptional payments from revenue, \$4,771,300
Ordinary revenue of the year ending cash on that account in the treasury, 4,066,123
From these estimates it will be seen that a State tax of \$1,200,000 to \$1,400,000 will be required to meet the probable deficit, and furnish the treasury with sufficient means for its accruing wants, in anticipation of the revenues of 1878. With a State tax thus reduced by more than \$1,000,000 below the average for the last fifteen years, many of which were burdened with heavy and extraordinary expenditures, the financial necessities of the year will be comparatively light, unless increased by special legislative grants.

The Governor comments the management of the savings banks, and in regard to the decennial census he claims that a central control of all statistical matters would avoid the duplication of work which now exists in some instances, and would insure uniformity in the labor.

The Governor says the loss on real estate in the last year, by depreciation, is equivalent to the gain in the two preceding years, and the depreciation is more than \$66,000,000 in the cities alone.

It appears from the returns last made to the Insurance Department that the outstanding insurance upon property, real and personal, in this State, amounts to more than \$800,000,000. Of this amount, the stock and mutual companies of this State carry \$450,000,000, while \$350,000,000 is carried by companies of other States and countries.

The Governor says a greater part of the income of the State is paid for public charity, or for the execution of the penal laws, support of prisons, asylums, support of paupers, etc. After referring to the heavy outlay required to support these charities, the Governor directs attention to the urgent necessity which exists for revising and harmonizing the statutes governing them, and for a reorganization of the Board of State Charities in accordance with such a revised code. A special message is recommended for this purpose.

The message reviews at length the school policy of the State, stating, among other things, that the "educational expenses," other than support of the common schools, exceed in amount the moiety of the income of the school fund appropriated to their payment, and will so exceed it hereafter until provision be made for the increase of the fund.

The Governor expresses his gratification at being able to state that the Troy & Greenfield Railroad and Housatonic Tunnel are substantially completed and trains are running on the line without interruption or delay. Attention is called to the fact that its future use and management are yet unsettled and deserves the most careful consideration that can be brought to bear upon it.

The result of the work in reorganizing the State militia is referred to in detail, showing that there has been a net saving within the amount of the appropriation of about \$26,000, and a total decrease in the military expenses of \$198,942.82, or about 34 per cent. The Governor gives an interesting account of Massachusetts' part in the Centennial Exposition, and closes his message with a grandiloquent display of oratory, portions of which are not entirely original.

The Montreal express train on the Rutland road, consisting of an engine and three cars, ran off the track on a bridge near Pittsford, Vt., last week Friday night, and bridge and all fell 20 feet to the ice below. The engine turned a complete somersault. There were 40 passengers, and all miraculously escaped with slight bruises and scratches.

The coroner's jury summoned to investigate the case of the Boston, Barre and Gardner railway, has rendered a verdict censuring Conductor Myricks and engineer Wiley, but apologizing for their negligence in view of their great fatigue, produced by overwork.

The second annual exhibition of the Worcester and Franklin county poultry and pet stock association was held at Athol Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Captain Boynton, in his life-saving dress, recently swam from Turin to Ferrara, a distance of 800 miles, in ninety-six hours, without a single break.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

The 2d Cong. Sunday School reorganizes to-morrow.

Kerosene oil has advanced 75 per cent. in the last three months.

The selectmen have granted a license of the first-class to the Nassawann House.

One of our marketmen's teams was expensed the other day, horse and all, but no damage done.

The next lecture in the Cong. course is "Backbone" by Rev. W. K. Pierce of Brimfield, next Wednesday evening.

The ice men's faces beam with happiness, as they think how cheap they can furnish their customers with frozen water next summer.

The Ladies' Society of the 2d Cong. church held its annual meeting at their vestry Thursday afternoon, with the usual "social" in the evening.

J. S. Loomis of this village was appointed one of the overseers of the Hampden county jail, at the meeting of the commissioners on Monday.

The snow about here is, on an average, two feet deep, with frequent drifts much deeper. In many places "turning out" is pretty serious business.

In the gale of last week Friday night Mrs. Collins' sign was blown down, and in falling it knocked out one of the large panes of glass in her show window.

Prof. Mark Bailey of Yale college, the well-known elocutionist, will read from the best poets and wits, in Wales Hall, Thursday evening. See posters.

Superintendent Bentley of the New London Northern R. R. has been appointed Commissioner General on the staff of Gov. Hubbard of Connecticut.

Mr. Jas. H. Bradford, who was appointed superintendent of the State Primary School last week Friday, took possession of the institution on Monday last.

A movement is on foot to close up all the stores in the village Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7 or 7:30 o'clock, and if all agree it will go into effect next Tuesday.

The Boston & Albany railroad company has revoked its recent order in regard to tickets being good only in the direction printed, and will now take them as before, as good either way.

Leaky roofs have caused considerable trouble and more or less damage in some houses in the village recently, since they have been so heavily laden with snow. Moral, shovel off the snow.

There was a lively snow squall, a sort of winter "April shower," Wednesday afternoon. It blew and it "snowed" furiously for a few moments, but the clouds soon broke away and in a moment the sky was as clear as the brightest summer day.

We have some righteous men in this village who are certain to inherit fame and immortality. They may be seen every day after a snow fall ploughing through the fecy barns, making paths for their neighbors to get abroad and enjoy themselves.

The lecture of Rev. Mr. Fullerton Wednesday evening, was the best of the course thus far. He pictured New England characteristics in such a manner as to deeply interest, instruct, and amuse the largest audience that has attended any of the lectures.

The officers of the State Primary School presented Dr. Wakefield and wife with a French mantel clock last Saturday, as a mark of their esteem and good will. The clock was furnished by J. S. Ledham, and is a very handsome one, with a large alabaster base, and a glass dome covering the whole.

The New Year's party at Weeks Hall Monday evening was thoroughly *recherché* in all its details. About fifty couples were present, all were in their happiest mood and merrily tripped the "light fantastic," while mine host and hostess Weeks fairly outdid themselves in their provision for the wants and comfort of both the outer and the inner man; and all present voted it a most delightful beginning of "A Happy New Year."

A large audience gathered at the Cong. vestry last Sabbath evening to listen to the interesting temperance address by Miss L. C. DeVelling. Her remarks were a little out of the usual line of such addresses, and were delivered with a freshness and quiet earnestness which held the attention of the audience closely to the end. It is proposed to organize a Woman's Christian Temperance Union in this village before long, and an effort may also be made to revive the old Reform Club, or start a new one.

Capt. Clark P. Stone took possession of the Nassawann House on Monday. Mr. Perley, the clerk, remains to welcome and secure the comfort of the patrons of the house. Speaking of Capt. Stone's departure from Fayetteville, the Vermont Phoenix says: "While Fayetteville people deeply regret losing so benevolent and public spirited a man, we can most heartily congratulate the people of Palmer that the Nassawann House has fallen into such efficient hands. Capt. Stone and wife being both pre-eminently fitted for the position, and we bespeak for the house a large share of the public patronage."

The Hyers Sisters, who appear at Wales Hall next Wednesday evening in the drama "Out of Bondage," have given one or two concerts here within the past few years, and everybody was delighted with their inimitable rendering of the quaint old plantation songs, with their sweet, weird melodies, such as "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Come Down Gabriel," etc. All the members of the troupe are accomplished vocalists, and their singing, and acting as well, are very highly commended wherever they have appeared. The play is supplemented by a short concert, when they will sing some of their most popular camp-meeting and other songs. Reserved seats can now be secured at Appleton's.

At Tuesday's session of the probate court in Springfield George O. Henry and wife of Wales were granted leave to adopt Minnie E. Goodrich, with change of name. Eastern Hampden people were unable to reach Springfield in time to attend the court Tuesday, on account of the snow blockade, and so an adjourned session was held Wednesday afternoon, when administrations were granted on the estates of Lyman Moores of Monson, Lyman Moores, Jr., administrator; Charles Wallace of Monson, Geo. H. Newton, administrator; Abbie L. Underwood of Monson, Wm. H. Underwood, administrator; and wills were proved of Lois A. H. Craue of Wilbraham, Levi Hitchcock, executor; Eliza B. White of Brimfield, Henry F. Brown, executor. An inventory was filed on the estate of Albert Burleigh of Palmer.

DISTRICT COURT.

Last Friday afternoon Wm. Brown of Greenfield was passing along Main street, when he saw a shawl hanging in front of Willis' store for which he at once felt a craving. He accordingly grabbed it and started off at a good pace down the Main road. A clerk happened to see the whole performance and

started in hot pursuit, and followed the fellow so closely that he dropped the shawl near the bridge over the river. Constable Palmer found him soon afterwards in the railroad yard and took him in charge, and on Saturday he was sentenced to the House of Correction for three months, where he can keep warm without the aid of a shawl. The same day James Connor of Three Rivers pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness, and paid \$6.85.

On Monday Amos St. Mary of Stafford, for an assault, and Michael Castello, a vagrant, were sent to the House of Correction for three months.

WILBRAHAM.

The roads from this village to South Wilbraham, and to Springfield, are badly drifted, and the sidewalks are not all opened, as last week Friday's snow storm was too solid for the snowplows.

Christmas and New Year's passed very quietly here. There was a festival at the North church, but the "trees" were omitted.

THREE RIVERS.

Golden Rule society, No. 165 of Sovereigns of Industry, has elected the following officers: President, George Alexander; vice president, Colby Lewis; sec'y, Charles Nickerson; financial secretary, W. H. Morgan; treasurer, Benjamin Daly; steward, F. L. Lincoln; stewards, Mrs. Davis, lecturer, Mrs. Bixby; I. G., A. S. Meserve; O. G., James Cushing; executive committee, J. I. Milliken, F. D. Hale, Colby Lewis, Benjamin Daly; representative to the state council for two years, J. R. Perkins.

MONSON.

The roads are badly drifted.

The doors in Green's hall now swing outwards.

The Monson National Bank has declared a 5 per cent. dividend free of tax.

Representative Reynolds started Tuesday for the "General Court."

The fair held last Monday evening in aid of the free reading room netted some \$175.

The telegraph rates have been reduced, so that dispatches to Boston, New York, and all points in New England which have heretofore been 40c, are now 30c.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

Old Boreas left visible marks of having visited the Cong. church horse-sheds a few days since.

There were only 16 deaths in South Wilbraham in 1876. The oldest male was 90 years, 2 mos., and 7 days; oldest female, 79 years. Of the sixteen 7 were females, 5 males; four were children under ten years of age.

We were supplied with a mail from Springfield, Tuesday, although the traveling was bad, and the roads terribly drifted. Frank Davis has carried the mail more than five years, and has not failed in all the time to supply us but one day. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

WARREN.

There is to be a course of six lectures at Brigham's hall as follows: Jan. 4, Rev. W. H. Murray, "In Doors and Out;" Jan. 12, Wendell Phillips, "Jan. 24, Rev. C. H. Murray, "What is a Name?" Feb. 8, C. D. Murray, "Man Building."

C. Brigham & Co. are filling their ice houses by steam power.

Jason Waters has started a singing school.

The Universalists had a masquerade and coffee party at Brigham's hall Monday night.

B. A. Tripp has been chosen superintendent of the Cong. Sunday school, and Joshua Moody assistant.

C. S. Lincoln took eight premiums at the Fitchburg poultry show, including a silver cup.

The annual meeting of the fire detecting society was held Monday evening, and these officers chosen: Pres., F. Brigham; sec'y, Geo. M. Newton; treasurer, N. Richardson. The society has \$550 in the treasury.

FOUR CORNERS.

The M. E. Sabbath school and congregation gathered at their meeting house on New Year's eve, and the house was well filled, notwithstanding the roads were so blocked with snow. The exercises were under the direction of Mr. Parker, the superintendent of the school. The exercises commenced with singing, then a prayer was offered by the pastor, followed by brief remarks. Then the audience were entertained for over an hour with declamations and dialogues, interspersed with singing, after which remarks were made by Mr. Potter, former superintendent of the Sabbath school. Then came the tokens of regard. Two trees, one on each side the altar, were loaded with precious fruit. The pastor and family were remembered, and many others were assured they were not forgotten. "Young America" had special reasons for rejoicing, and the joyful exclamations and the merry laugh told the fact. Joyous childhood, how beautiful! May not the cloud soon darken! All passed off pleasantly, and all seemed to greet each other with the wish, "A Happy New Year."

WEST WARREN.

The intentions of the company that played "Among the Breakers" and "Boston Dip" for the firemen's benefit, were good, but no money was cleared, owing to a slim attendance.

A very pleasant affair took place in Crossman's hall New Year's evening. The Methodist Sunday school had arranged a sleigh ride for that day, but owing to the state of the roads and difficulty in getting teams, it was given up, and a supper was served in the hall in the evening.

Postmaster Lewis Elwell has again suffered at the hands of the amateur burglars. On Friday night last a pane of glass 24x40 inches, in the window facing Main street, was smashed, the building entered and full \$300 worth of jewelry, pocket cutlery, and postage stamps were stolen. No clue has been found to trace the miscreants.

Considerable interest is manifested in the Methodist prayer meetings and they are held three evenings in a week. John Bresnahan having buried a boy, and had time to recover from it, struck his wife over the head with a two-gallon jug partly filled with liquor Thursday night, cutting a gash on the top of her head. She was taken to some friends to be attended, and John was placed in the lockup. Further developments are awaited with interest.

WARE AND VICINITY.

About \$40 cleared from Charity concert last week.

Hornee Bond is cutting ice 14 inches thick and very clear.

Rev. Dr. Perkins and Rev. Mr. Cummings exchanged pulpits last Sunday afternoon.

Dr. H. A. Stewart is to remain at the Hampshire House till Jan. 11th, so that all may see him.

The Young Men's Library Association will present "The Colleen Bawn" at Music Hall next Wednesday evening.

"Eddy, the printer," issued a very neat and complimentary New Year's address this year similar in style to the one issued four years ago.

The library has received several more volumes this week, among which is "Oh, Why Should the Spirit of Moral Be Proud," illustrated.

The Ladies' Benevolent and the Young Ladies' Charitable societies met together Wednesday afternoon for work, and had a social in the evening at the residence of S. B. Bond.

A goodly number of old and young congregated in the Methodist vestry Sunday evening and watched the old year and the new year in. The exercises were commenced by a sermon by Rev. Dr. Perkins from the text "How old art thou?"

The county commissioners last Saturday approved bills for damages by dogs amounting to \$1793, of which \$774 was for ravages by mad dogs. Amherst was granted \$29; Belchertown, \$106; Enfield, \$73; Granby, \$68; Northampton, \$640; Pelham, \$9; Ware, \$69.

The house on the farm adjacent to "Pepper's mill," so called, situated four miles west of this village, on the road to Enfield, was burned early Sunday morning. The house was owned by Geo. H. Carter, and occupied by James Gould, who had barely time to escape with his children and a few clothes. It is supposed that the fire caught from the stove or chimney. Insurance \$1400.

TERRIBLE RAILROAD DISASTER!

The worst railroad accident that ever occurred in this, or perhaps any other country, took place on the Lake Shore road at Ashtabula, O., 60 miles east of Cleveland, last Friday night. About a quarter of a mile east of the station the road crosses Ashtabula creek, a small stream with only two or three feet of water, on an iron bridge 75 feet high and 150 long. The express for the west, consisting of two engines and 11 cars—six coaches, drawing room and sleeping cars, a smoking car and four baggage and express cars—was crossing this bridge at a slow rate of speed, owing to the terrible snow storm that was prevailing, when the structure gave way, and the whole train, with the exception of the forward engine, was precipitated to the frozen river below. The cars were smashed almost to atoms by the fall, and almost immediately fire broke out in two or three different places in the wreck, and burned uninterruptedly until the ruins were entirely consumed and many people, confined by the debris, were burned to ashes.

There were from 150 to 200 passengers on the train, and of these it is supposed that from 75 to 120 were killed or burned to death, though it may be some little time before the number is definitely determined. About 70 bodies have been recovered, most of them being burned and bruised beyond all semblance to human beings, so that they can only be identified by bits of clothing or other articles. The houses in the vicinity are crowded with the wounded, and present a horrifying spectacle. All the wounded that could be moved, numbering thirty, were taken to Cleveland.

The people of Ashtabula were appraised of the accident by a general fire alarm, and nearly the whole village were soon at the wreck. The fire engines were also brought out, but for some unknown reason no effort was made to extinguish the flames, though every possible effort was made to save persons from the ruins before the flames reached them. The air was filled with the groans of the wounded and cries for help from those unable to extricate themselves from the wreck. One woman was pinned down by her legs in a burning car, and in despair, as the flames circled around her, she shrieked, "Take an ax and cut off my legs!" But it was impossible. A man reached her, and she was consumed. A man leaped from the wreck with his clothes all ablaze, and was pushed into the snow to extinguish the flames, but, cranked by the catastrophe, he jumped up, ran back and plunged into the burning ruins and was not seen again.

A young girl of 10 years was seen struggling to release her hips from the crushing weight when the flames overtook her; and a fine appearing, middle-aged gentleman was seen sitting bolt upright in his seat calmly awaiting the flames, which soon claimed their victim. Prof. H. G. Rogers, principal of the high school at Springfield, O., was married Tuesday, went to Niagara, and was returning with his bride on this ill-fated train, and both were killed. Mrs. Bradley of San Francisco, daughter of Mrs. Charles Merriam of Springfield, and whose father, Dr. Gray, was killed at the Norfolk disaster in 1853, was on the train, and her little child and its nurse were killed, and a few others from western Massachusetts were injured, but none of them seriously. P. P. Bliss of Chicago, the well-known evangelist, and author of "Hold the Fort," was killed, with his wife.

The cause of the accident is unknown. The bridge was one of the well-known Howe truss pattern, built entirely of iron, had been in use 11 years, and was considered one of the best on the line. The most plausible theory seems to be that the bridge was originally light; that it was carrying an enormous weight of snow, and that the heavy gale of wind blowing brought a heavy lateral strain upon it; that these influences made it give way to the train, drawn by the heavy engines, struck it, and that by the time the engines approached the other side, and the full weight of the train bore upon it, the bridge settled, and then went with a crash. The coroner's jury will doubtless make a searching investigation into the matter. Much feeling is manifested against the railroad company, but the officers say they court the fullest investigation.

The engineers and train hands on the Grand Trunk railroad in Canada struck last Friday evening, leaving the trains, passenger or freight, just where they happened to be. The strikers took possession of the company's property wherever they could, and prevented any who were disposed to yield from doing so, and business came to a stand-still over the whole line, remaining so until the middle of this week, when the troubles were adjusted and traffic resumed. The engineers struck because the company did not, as they claimed, live up to its agreement in grading their pay. Great inconvenience was caused to passengers, and there was an immense accumulation of freight and mail matter.

By a collision of freight trains on the Marietta, O., railroad, Wednesday, a locomotive and several cars were thrown from a trestle 40 feet high down a ravine. The wreck and trestle took fire and some 300 live hogs in the cars were burned. No human lives were lost.

About 3000 residents of Pittsburgh, Pa., signed the pledge during the prevalence of a recent temperance revival there.

Rev. George E. Merrill, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Springfield, has resigned, to accept a call to Salem.

Nearly one thousand pocket books were stolen during the progress of the recent revival in Chicago.

Prominent General and Local Events.

JANUARY.

1. Thermometer 74° in the shade.
2. Death of Ex-Gov. Clifford, of New Bedford, 66.
3. New organ at Second Congregational church dedicated by a concert.
5. Barn burned on Gray place, Ware. Loss \$1500.
6. Camilla Ursu concert at Ware.
10. Annual meeting Palmer Savings Bank.
11. Annual meetings Palmer, Monson and Ware National Banks.
12. First dance of the season at Feeney's Hall.
14. Death of Commodore John Pope, 77, U. S. Navy.
16. Donation visit to Rev. E. A. Goddard—Teacher's Institute at Brimfield.
20. Dedication of Wales Hall; lecture by Rev. W. H. Murray.
22. Re-dedication of 1st Cong. church, Thorndike.
23. Flight of Winslow, the Boston forger, discovered.
27. Mrs. Clark's farewell concert.—Sudden death of John Rindge of North Wilbraham.—National Bank of Northampton robbed of \$670,000.
28. First of a series of six social assemblies at Wales Hall.—Death of Congressman Starkweather of Connecticut.

FEBRUARY.

1. Death of John Forster, author, 64, London Eng.
2. Burning of A. V. Blanchard's & Co's. grist mill. Loss \$13,000.
5. Colliery explosion in Belgium; 166 lives lost.
7. Moody and Sankey revival meetings commenced in New York.—Death of Rear Admiral Stringham, 78, Brooklyn.
8. Babcock's trial began at St. Louis.
10. Shaked ball at Musie Hall, Ware.—Death of Reverly Johnson, statesman, 79, Annapolis, Md.
13. Universalist services commenced at Union Hall.
14. Engineer Chilson's surprise party.
15. Lecture by Wendell Phillips, Monson.—Advisory council of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, commences.—Winslow arrested in London.
16. Death of heart disease of Frank Wellman, 30.
17. Death of Horace Bushnell, D. D., 74, Hartford, Conn.
18. Maine legislature abolishes hanging.
20. Large fire in "Top of Ware." Burning of Snow's barn and other buildings. Loss \$6000.
22. Grand Army ball at Musie Hall, Ware.
23. Suspension of Elijah Shaw, Wales. Liabilities, \$300,000.
24. Babcock jury renders a verdict of "not guilty."—Advisory council sustains Plymouth church in its discipline.
28. Gov. Kellogg of Louisiana impeached by the Assembly and acquitted by the Senate.
29. Dr. A. B. Cowan celebrates his 67th birthday.

MARCH.

1. Wedding anniversary, 40th, at W. B. Bennett's.
3. Closing assembly at Wales Hall; concert by German Band of Boston.
4. Secretary Belknap impeached in the Senate.
6. Sudden death of H. H. Perry, 48.
7. Judge Taft appointed Secretary of War.
8. Tweed jury award damages of \$6,537,000.—Secretary Belknap arrested.
13. Daniel Drew's failure for over \$1,000,000.
15. "Infant" party at A. H. Willis.
16. Adelle Walker's trial at District Court room.
20. Town meeting.—King Alfonso enters Madrid.
23. First dramatic entertainment in Wales Hall.
25. Steamer Jowar lost in Arabian Sea, with 500 pilgrims.
30. Bursting of Lynde brook reservoir, near Worcester.

APRIL.

4. Nomination of R. H. Dana, Jr., as minister to England rejected by the Senate.
10. Death of A. D. Stewart, 73, New York.
12. Hubbard Lawrence's broom factory scorched by fire.
15. Dom Pedro arrived in New York.—Death of Hannah Cox, abolitionist, 60, at Longwood, Pa.
17. Issue of silver currency began.—Death of Orestes A. Brownson, D. D., 73, Detroit, Mich.
18. Death of Lord Lytton, author, English.
19. Moody and Sankey revival meetings in New York closed.
27. Death of John Ward, 72, formerly of Palmer, at New Britain, Conn.
28. Queen Victoria proclaimed Empress of India.

MAY.

8. Death of Anna Dickinson in "A Crown of Thorns" at Boston.
10. Centennial Exhibition formally opened.
11. Mrs. Crawford's organ concert at Second Congregational church.
12. High school exhibition at Wales Hall.
20. Edward Peirepont

31. Alexis Wade's house and barn at Ludlow burned.

AUGUST.

1. Gen. Belknap discharged.—Colorado proclaimed a State.

2. Mrs. Lena Roberts run over by cars at Col. Has' Depot.

3. Death of Berri H. Johnson, 57.—Daniel Shaw's barn at Wales burned.

4. "Infant" party at Miss Mary Sedgwick's.—Tilden and Hendricks' letter of acceptance published.

5. Loren Bishop's house and barn burned.

6. Palmer Choral Union organized.

7. Well at Boardville caved in, injuring two men.—Rev. J. Sella Martin, colored clergyman, formerly of Boston, died at New Orleans.

8. Death of Carl Bergmann, musician, 55, New York.

9. Death of Speaker Kerr, 49, at Rockledge Alum Springs, Va.

24. Section master John Doyle fatally injured.—Paulina Wright Davis, woman's rights advocate, died at Providence, R. I.

31. Sultan Murad V. deposed.

SEPTEMBER.

1. Annual clam bake of employees, N. L. N. R. R.

4. Installation of Temple of Honor.

5. Renovation of Gov. Rice.

6. Ellis Dodge, market man, suspended.— Worcester county medical association met at Antique House.—Charles Francis Adams nominated for Governor.

8. William M. Tweed arrested in Vigo, Spain.

12. Fire in Crossman's block, West Warren.

13. Death of Ex-Gov. H. A. Wise of Virginia, 71.

14. Re-dedication of Baptist church, Thrice River.

15. Mary A. Livermore at Wales Hall.

15. Death of Rev. Dr. Nahum Gale, formerly of Ware, 64; Bishop James, 70, New York.

20. Death of Olney Goff, 73, Ware, formerly of Palmer.

21. Silver wedding of John Feeney.

21 and 22. Annual fair of Eastern Hampden Agricultural society.

22. Charles Collins of Brimfield fatally injured on fair grounds.

27. Hell Gate exploded by Gen. Newton.

28. Centennial Exposition visited by 250,000 people.

29. E. N. Montague of Monson found dead on railroad track near Holyoke.

OCTOBER.

1. James Lick, millionaire, 77, San Francisco, died.

7. Fall of a building in Springfield, killing four men.

10. Cattle show at Belchertown.—Burning of a barn at Ludlow.

11. Brimfield Centennial.

12. Burning of tenement house on South street, Ware.—1500 Turks slain by Montenegrins.

18. Death of Francis P. Blair, politician, 53, Silver Springs, Ind.

20. Barn burned on Palmer road, Ware.

22. Twelve whaling ships lost in the North Pacific.

24. Death of Albert Burleigh, 42.

25. P. T. Barnum's lecture at Ware.

31. Great cyclone in India; nearly 250,000 lives lost.

NOVEMBER.

2. Grand Republican rally at Wales Hall.

3. Death of Wm. Wheatley, actor, New York.

6. Death of Cardinal Antonelli, 70, Rome.

7. Presidential and State elections.—Merrick Whitney's barn at Ludlow burned.

10. Formal closing of Centennial exhibition.

11. Death of Calvin Torrey, formerly of Palmer, at South Boston.

16. Golden wedding of Samuel and Polly Davis.

20. Dedication of new Catholic church, Thorn-dike.

21. High school entertainment at Wales Hall.

22. Universalist tea party at Wales Hall.

23. Re-organization of Palmer Lyceum.—Tweed arrived and was jailed in New York.

30. Great fire at Enfield.—Reunion of the Miller family at Ludlow.—THANKSGIVING.

DECEMBER.

4. Meeting of the National Congress.

5. Turkey festival at 24 Cong. church.—Burning of Brooklyn theatre, 271 lives lost.

6. Sessions of the electoral colleges.

14. Celebration of the 50th anniversary of Thomas Lodge, F. and A. M.

18. Death of Gen. William F. Bartlett, Pittsfield.

20. Commencement of lecture course at the 2d Cong. church.

21. Dedication of Dr. Wakefield, superintendent of State Primary School, accepted.—Death of Enoch Marshall, 73.

24. Death of Charles Tufts, 95, founder of Tufts' college, at Somerville.

25. Christmas festivities.

28. Barn near West Warren burned.

29. Disaster on Lake Shore railroad at Ashtabula, O.; about 100 lives lost.

31. Burning of G. H. Carter's house, near Ware.—GRAND CENTENNIAL FESTS.

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At Monson, 29th ult., LYMAN MOORE, 62.

At Agawam, 1st, Mrs. MARY COOLEY, 55, widow of J. Miller, Jr.

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"Until the Day Breaks."

Will it pain me there forever,
Will it leave me happy never,
This weary, weary gnawing of the old, dull pain?
Will the sweet yet bitter yearning,
That at my heart is burning,
Throb on and on forever, and forever be in vain?

O weary, weary longing?
O sad, sad memories thronging
From the sunset-lit woods of the dear and
holy past!
O how and faith undying,
Shall I never cease from sighing?
Must my lot among the shadows forevermore be cast?

Shall I never see the glory
That the Christ-knight of old story,
Sir Galahad, my hero, saw folded round his sleep?
The full, completed beauty
With which God guides all duty
For hearts that burn toward heaven from the ever-
lasting deep?

From that conflict ceasing never,
From the hard and bitter battle with the cold
and callous world,
Will the sky grow never clearer?
Will the hills draw never nearer?
Where the Golden City glitters in its rainbow mists
impenetrable?

Alas, that Golden City!
Can God then have no pity?
I have sought it with such yearning for so many
lonesome years!
And yet the hills' blue glimmer,
And the morning's golden shimmer
Fade away with the evening and the distance never
nearer!

O weary, weary living!
O weary, weary dying!
O enemies that meet me in the earth and in the air!
O flesh that clogs my yearning!
O flesh that clogs my yearning!
Will I never cease to trouble? Will I never,
never cease?

Will my soul grow never purer?
Will my hope be never surer?
Will the mist-wreaths and the city-gates from my
Will the mist-wreaths and the city-gates from my
Shall I never, never gain it,
The last estate minute,
When the journey's questing waits me behind those
hills of gold?

Alas! the clouds grow darker,
And the hills loom even starker,
Across the leaden mist-screen of the heavens dim
and gray.
Thou must learn to bear thy burden,
Thou must wait to win thy freedom,
Until the daybreak cometh and the shadows flee
away!

THE OAK CLOSET.

Margaret Grey was in some sort an upper
servant in the household of Judge Wallace.
The judge lived in a handsome house in the
suburbs of the little country village of Thorn-
cliffe.

Margaret was left an orphan at an early
age, and the judge and his wife had taken
her into their house to save her from being
thrown upon the charity of the town.

They had done their part well for her. They
had two children of their own—Alice and
Algeron, twins—and Margaret had enjoyed
every advantage of education in common with
the brother and sister.

As she grew older and began to realize how
much she owed to the judge and his wife, she
felt a desire to be able in some way to make
them a return for their kindness, and, as she
was a strong, active girl, she soon became
very useful about the domestic affairs of the
household.

Mrs. Wallace was a feeble woman,
and very willingly resigned some of the
care and burdens to Margaret, and in due
course of time the young girl came to be
trusted and depended upon, until by the time
she was twenty, she was really the head of
the establishment, though Mrs. Wallace still
did the honors in her quiet, lady-like way,
and poured the tea and coffee at the head of
the table.

Alice had married early and gone to the far
west with her husband; Algeron was finishing
his medical studies at a German university,
and only the judge and his wife and Mar-
garet—besides the man and woman servant
who had been with them for years, remained
at home.

Some unfortunate speculations, largely
indulged in when the judge was quite a young
man, had encumbered the oldest with a
mortgage, and this it was the judge's ambi-
tion to discharge. He wanted to leave the
place totally free from debt, to his son Alger-
non.

The strictest economy had been practised
for years in the household with this end in
view, and at last the judge held in his hands
the money with which to liquidate the claim.

It was late on Saturday night when he
brought it home, and said to his wife as he
swung the black leather trunk containing it,
before her eyes:

"Well, Annie, at last we are free from debt!
There are eight thousand dollars in that trunk,
and on Monday I shall pay Jones in full, and
we shall burn the abominable mortgage to-
gether, you and I, Annie. It will be the hap-
piest day in my life."

"But if anything should happen, William,"
said Mrs. Wallace, nervously. "Do not put
money in some safe place. It has cost us
dear enough to scrape it together."

The judge bent down and patted the anxious
little woman on the head.

"I am going to put it in the little oak closet-
ed, Annie. It has a spring lock and if by
chance a burglar should enter the house, he
would never dream of finding anything of
value in a little, stifled-up closet at the head
of the garret stairs."

And with a light heart the judge went off to
deposit his treasure.

Margaret was sitting in the room, darning
the judge's stockings, when the conversation
took place, and of course she heard where the
money was placed, though at the time she
gave little heed to it.

The next day, John and Susan, the two ser-
vants, had a holiday to visit a married daugh-
ter of theirs, who resided fifteen or twenty
miles away; and as it was in November, and
the days were short, they would not return
until Monday night.

And come time after they set out there came
an imperative message to the judge from his
sister—saying that she was very ill, and de-
sired to see him without delay. Her home
was in Shelby—eight or ten miles off—and of
course the judge lost no time in obeying the
summons. He took his wife with him, leaving
Margaret alone in the house.

"It is barely possible, Margaret, that we
shall remain all night. It looks very much
like a storm, and in that case we shall certainly
stay. And if so you had better get Sallie
Turner to stay with you for company."

But, though Margaret would have liked
Sallie's company well enough, she at once de-
cided not to ask for it, because if she did so
she knew Sallie's brother would be sure to
come along, and the less she saw of Willie
Turner the better she was pleased. Willie
was an honest, industrious sort of fellow, and
was Margaret's most devoted admirer, but

with the usual inconsistency of her sex, she
utterly refused to see what was best for her.
The afternoon wore slowly away. Mar-
garet read a little, and drummed a few notes
listlessly on the old-fashioned piano, played
with the black-and-white kitten, and held the
old cat curled up in her lap like a sleepy cat
eripillar; and "at it was sunset—time to
milk the cows; but the barn doors for the
night."

It was evening. Though there was going to
be a storm, the north and west were
dark and gloomy with ominous black clouds,
and the west winds sighed drearily in the pine
woods back of the house. And, indeed, be-
fore Margaret had done up her jobs at the
barn the first great drops of frozen rain began
to fall, and by the time she had eaten her sup-
per and strained the milk, the storm had set
in in good earnest.

She closed and barred the door—the win-
dows were already fastened—drew the shut-
ters, and piled the kitchen fireplace full of
dry hickory.

The kitchen had gone to sleep in a corner,
and the old black cat sat on the hearth, blink-
ing her eyes at the cheerful blaze.

Margaret read a little and dreamed a great
deal, as girls of her age are prone to do.
She made a very pretty picture if only there
had been some one to see her.

Her soft, brown hair was unbound, and fell
rippling to her waist; her fair rosy face was
adorned as delicately pink as the inside of a sea-
shell; her brown eyes were sweet and
womanly enough for any true lover to find
his rarest happiness in kissing.

"Well, Tommy," she said to the cat, "I guess
you and I and kitty will go to bed. We must
be up betimes in the morning, you know,
since there'll be none but us to do the chores."

As she spoke she stooped to stroke old
Tommy, but to her infinite surprise, she saw
that the animal's paw and tail were erect—
his eyes had changed to a glassy green of rage
and terror, and with slow, panther-like tread
he was making his way toward the door which
opened upon the cellar stairs.

And while she gazed, Margaret saw with
horror that the door swung open with an
ominous creak, and a man stepped into the
room.

He was a short, thick-set fellow, with
sandy hair and whiskers, and pale, ferocious-
looking blue eyes set far back in his head.

"So-ho, my dear," said he, "you are sole
proprietor, it appears."

For a moment Margaret's heart stood still,
but she was naturally brave, and she was
proud as well, and would not allow this man
to see that she feared him.

"I have that one," she said, coolly; "who
are you and what do you want?"

"I trust you will excuse me if I neglect to
introduce myself," the man said, with much
courtesy; "as for my business, I am quite hap-
py to inform you about that. I want the eight
thousand dollars that the judge brought from
Ridgely bank last night, and I depend upon
you to point it out to me."

The indignant blood rushed to Margaret's
face, and she answered him sharply:

"I will die before I will do as you ask!"
"You shall have your money!"
He produced a pistol, which he cocked de-
liberately, and pointed it at her head.

"Show me the place where the tin is hid-
den, or I'll blow your brains out."

Like lightning a varied train of thought
passed through the head of the girl; in that
one instant of time she thought of a score of
plans to evade the rascal, and as soon as an
entertained discarded them as impracticable.

There she was, alone and helpless, a weak
girl, almost a mile from any other human
habitation, and in a would be passing by from
whom she could claim any assistance.

For a moment she thought of risking every-
thing to escape by the outer door, and, trust-
ing to the darkness and her knowledge of the
way, to attempt to reach Mr. Turner's and
seek protection.

But the man seemed to divine her thought,
for he stepped between her and the door.

"No, my beauty, you can't play that game
on me!" he said, with a sardonic smile. "And
now I'll give you just three minutes to decide
where you'll do. If you show me where the
money is I swear not to harm you; if you re-
fuse I swear to kill you, and trust to luck for
finding it without your help."

He took out his watch and stood regarding
it and Margaret alternately.

As she stood there, faint and giddy with
fear, a new idea penetrated Margaret's brain,
and she was just in a state of desperation
which steps at no sacrifice, however great.

Come life or death, she must save the money
for which her friends had toiled so long and
earnestly, and the loss of which would involve
them in ruin. As she thought, she saw a ray
of light, it though it would compass her destruc-
tion.

"You may put up your pistol," she said,
calmly; "I will show you where the money is
concealed."

"That's sensible, my dear," said the man.
"It is not often that sense and a pretty face go
together. But you're an exception. Come,
be lively now."

She took a candle from the table, selected
one of a bunch of keys hanging from the wall,
and bade him follow her.

"You will find where you seek there."

She stepped back for him to enter, but he
caught her by the wrist and pulled her along
with him.

"I know your game," said he, "you would
get me in that cussed close lock and then look
the door upon me. Take out that key and
opening it down stairs, and then come with me;
I shan't let you."

She obeyed him literally, and, as they stood
together in the stifling place—which was
hardly enough to contain the man—Margaret,
with the hand which the man had left free,
seized on the door and pulled it to.

It shut with a sharp click—shut and locked
at the same time.

A fierce oath burst from the lips of the
burglar.

"What do you mean?" he cried. "Hell and
furies! I shall suffocate here! Open the
door, or I'll shoot you."

"Do as you please," said Margaret, defiant-
ly. "The door has a spring lock and can be
opened only from the outside; and unless
some one comes to our release, we shall re-

main here until we die, which will be in a few
hours at the most!"

"You shan't die! Why did you do this?" he
demanded, hoarse with rage. "Don't you
know that you will die, too?"

"Certainly; but I prefer death to the ruin
of my best friends. If we die—and we shall
without a doubt—the money will be saved."

The onths and threats and curses of the
man were fearful, but Margaret felt no fear.
Something above and beyond her sustained
her, and she was happy in the consciousness
that her life would purchase the old home for
her benefactors.

The close, torpid air weighed upon her like
lead—already had the wretch who was her
companion sunk stifled to the floor. All
her past life came before her—she remem-
bered things long forgotten, she saw faces
dead and buried, she heard voices long mute
beneath the grave cloths, and then sense faded
out and she knew no more.

Judge Wallace found his sister better, but
the storm coming on it was deemed better to
remain all night, and early the next morning
set out for his home, accompanied by his
wife.

Arrived in sight of the house he was sur-
prised to see the shutters still closed and the
chimney giving out no smoke of welcome.

At the gate a young man was tying a horse
and the judge exclaimed to his wife:

"Bless my life, Annie, that's Algeron!"
There's no mistaking him. He's home a
month earlier than we expected him! But I
greatly fear something is amiss with Mag-

He whipped up his horse and soon had his
long absent son by the hand. The first warm
greetings over, the judge rapped at the fast-
ened door, but, eliciting no response, his
alarm increased, and, after shouting for Mar-
garet at the top of his voice and receiving no
reply, with Algeron's help he burst open the
door and entered the kitchen.

All was as she had left it the night before—
the black brands covered the hearth; the
chamber door stood suggestively open. Father
and son ascended the stairs and half way
up the judge stumbled over the key of the
oaken closet.

"Good heavens!" he exclaimed, "the key
of the closet where I left that money! I
greatly fear something has befallen Mar-
garet!"

He found the closet door locked, and to
their repeated knockings there came no re-
sponse from within.

Algeron applied the key, and the opened
door revealed a fearful sight. With frightful
distorted face the robber lay on the floor
stone dead, and a little removed from him,
pale and quiet, lay Margaret.

Algeron bore her down stairs and into the
open air; but it was very long before she gave
any sign or token of life. And it was a week
before she was able to give a detailed account
of what happened during that night of horror
in the oak closet.

He found she had saved the money, and the son
undertook to pay the debt of gratitude owed
by the father. And before the winter was
over Algeron married Margaret, and togeth-
er they live in the old homestead, and on
stormy nights they tell the children the story
of the oak closet.

INTERESTING FACTS.

Hops entwine to the right and beans to the
left.

A clean skin is as necessary to good health
as food.

The largest of the Egyptian pyramids is 481
feet high.

The earth is 7,916 miles in diameter, and
24,880 miles round.

Noah's ark was 547 English feet long, 91
broad, and 54 high.

A bushel of wheat weighing 60 pounds con-
tains 500,000 kernels.

Fossil remains of the Ohio prove that it
was once covered by water.

Gold may be beaten into leaves so thin that
120,000 would be only an inch thick.

Vinegar boiled with myrrh or camphor,
sprinkled in a room corrects putridity.

In Greece, it was the custom at meals, for
the two sexes always to eat separately.

The Romans lay on couches at their dining
tables, on their left arms, eating with their
right.

Forests of standing trees have been discov-
ered in Yorkshire, England, and Ireland, im-
bedded in stone.

The walls of Nineveh were 100 feet high,
and thick enough for three chariots abreast.
Babylon was 60 miles within the walls, which
were 75 feet thick and 300 feet high.

One of the peaks of the Alps there is a
block of granite weighing, by estimate, 181,
568 tons, so nicely balanced on its center of
gravity, that a single man can give it a rock-
ing motion.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1877.

Gold fell on Tuesday to 103 1/2, the lowest point it has reached since June 14, 1862, and the road to par seems now so short and easy that a strong desire is being manifested in the mercantile community to have it traveled over as soon as possible.

The Sovereigns of Industry, whose headquarters are at Springfield, and who have a co-operative store there, claim that with a capital of \$6100 they did \$135,000 worth of business last year. The Sovereigns, as an association, are not, however, very prosperous.

Mr. Moody, the revivalist, thinks that pretty girls should not allow men at church fairs to kiss them for twenty-five cents, as has sometimes been done. As usual, Mr. Moody is quite right in his ideas, for they can be kissed just as easily after they have left the fair, for a lower price by one hundred per cent., and with infinitely greater satisfaction.

Two rival Governors were peacefully inaugurated in New Orleans on Monday, Packard, Republican, and Nicholls, Democrat, and each delivered his message. The Republicans have possession of the State House, but the Democrats are in full control of the rest of the city, including the court house, and the city is patrolled by police appointed by Nicholls. There has been no collision and the Government declines to interfere unless it becomes necessary to preserve the peace. Two legislatures are also in session, and the Republicans have elected ex-governor Kellogg U. S. Senator for the long term.

There are no new developments in regard to the Ashtabula disaster, and it is doubtful if the exact cause of the disaster is ever known. There is some reason for believing that the train left the rails, in which case the accident is easily explained, but it is not certain that this was the case. The theory that the bridge was worn is met with the statement that the Toledo bridge, which is of the same pattern, after fifteen years of constant use, was taken down and its various parts thoroughly tested and found able to sustain 30,000 pounds pressure to the square inch, or the same as new iron. Whatever the cause, it is probable that heavier bridges will be demanded in the future, which shall be safe beyond all peradventure.

Commodore Vanderbilt, in his will, gives \$500,000 in U. S. 10-40 bonds, \$200,000 in N. Y. Central stock, all his furniture, &c. and a life interest in his residence, to his wife. His children, excepting his son William H., get from \$200,000 to \$500,000 each, some of it being held in trust for such of them as he thought would not take care of it themselves. These, with some minor bequests, amount to a little more than \$13,000,000. All the rest of his immense fortune goes directly to his oldest son William, while about half of the \$15,000,000 goes to William's four sons. Not a cent is given to any public or charitable institution, but his money is all kept in the family, though it is hinted William is to carry out a plan of his father's for the construction of a hospital or home for the employees of the Vanderbilt roads, and that he is also to distribute a largess among the Commodore's most valued friends.

New York has been all agog the past week or so over the didos of James Gordon Bennett, the proprietor of the Herald. The young man has an unfortunate penchant for the glass, and a very small quantity of the ardent completely upsets him. His marriage to Miss May has been postponed two or three times because of his inability to appear at the appointed time, and a week or more ago the matter culminated in his being punished in a summary manner by the young lady's brother for some unusually bad actions, the precise nature of which cannot be learned. This indignity started Bennett's ire, a challenge was given and accepted, and though the affair is shrouded in a good deal of mystery, a duel seems to have come off on Monday in Maryland. Three shots were fired, but neither of the heroes were wounded. Wounded honor was healed, however, and an amicable settlement was then effected and the combatants returned home in their glory. Miss May is a very estimable young lady, and Bennett is said to really be deeply in love with her, and the wonder now is if the wedding will come off after all, or whether the bridal dress, imported from Paris, will go unused. This may perhaps be taken as a new illustration of the old adage that "the course of true love never runs smooth."

The commissioners appointed to report on the judicial system of the State, of which A. L. Soule of Springfield was chairman, have made their report, and as might be expected, recommend several changes in regard to the lower courts. Some of these recommendations are very good, though it is quite improbable that many of them will be adopted. They recommend that quite a number of the district courts be abolished, among them those at Palmer, Chicopee, Great Barrington, Williamstown and the first and second in Eastern Worcester. In their places they recommend trial justices, which they claim would be much cheaper. They also recommend trial without jury when parties can agree to it. The commissioners recommend the trial of capital cases by superior courts, three justices sitting. They also desire that \$100 be the amount reserved in trustee cases, for the support of wife and children, where now only \$20 is withheld. The commissioners think the juvenile cases may be transferred to other courts in order to lessen expenses. There will be considerable opposition to the abolition of some of the district courts, and some other recommendations of the commissioners will be likely to get the go-by.

The Legislature.

The Legislature has got its committees appointed and is fairly at work, but just at present most of the work seems to be for U. S. Senator, the friends of several candidates—Boutwell, Geo. F. Hoar and Governor Rice, working with all their might, while the Democrats are ready to vote for Prof. Seelye or any other man who may be likely to defeat Boutwell or Rice. Ex-Governor Bullock is spoken of, but he has gone so far over to democracy that he has not a ghost of a chance. As the matter now looks the chances seem to be between Boutwell and Rice, and perhaps Geo. F. Hoar may be included. The Republicans are not disposed to play second fiddle to the Democrats, and will be likely to go against any man they may favor. The balloting begins next Wednesday afternoon, and may be kept up for some days. Not much other business will be transacted while the Legislature is at this work.

The committees have been appointed and are pretty well made up. Mr. Sessions of Wilbraham goes on to the committee on Agriculture, and Mr. Kimball of Enfield goes on the same committee. Senator Haynes takes the chairmanship of the Railroad committee; Senator Gilbert of Ware, and Mr. Reynolds of Monson take seats on the committee on Charitable institutions. Senator Gilbert also has a place on the Prison committee. The Prison committee have leave to examine all the prisons in the State, and if they do it, they will not have much time to do anything else. Several persons in the eastern part of the State are asking for a recount of the votes by which they hope to oust members now in their seats, and make places for themselves. The prohibitory members have been holding meetings to plan a line of action for the session. They are not so numerous or red hot as at some sessions of the General Court.

The grand Democratic mass meetings which were to be held on Monday all over the country, and which were to exert a great moral influence in favor of giving the Presidency to Tilden, came off according to programme in three or four places. Meetings were held at Washington, Columbus, O., Indianapolis, Ind., Richmond, Va., and Montpelier, Vt., and Tilden's claim to the Presidential chair was stoutly maintained, some of them going so far as to express a determination to support that claim by an appeal to arms if necessary. They propose now to hold a national Democratic convention at Washington, February 14th, when Congress will count the electoral vote—or in other words they intend to frighten Congress into voting in Tilden in any event. The fact that in only four or five States did they succeed in getting up public meetings on Monday demonstrates the popular disapproval of such attempts at dictation, and if the party attempts any such bull-dozing operation as the proposed Washington convention, it will be the greatest sufferer by it.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Queen Victoria has 23 grandchildren. They make shrouds of pink silk in Paris. A beer cask burst in Toledo and killed two men.

About half of Boston's \$500,000,000 of property is said to be mortgaged.

Carl Rosa, it is reported, is soon to be married again.

Lord Macaulay made a rule to pay all bills within 24 hours.

The California crops are suffering for want of water.

Eight thousand rosebuds shed their perfume on a recent reception in Chicago.

Northfield, N. H., has not at present a church or a liquor shop.

California shipped 36,000,000 pounds of wool East last year.

Woman is fast being made eligible to all the offices without salaries.

Charcoal dust mixed with soil increases the brilliancy of leaves and flowers.

There are at least 250,000,000 unmarried women in the world.

A four-legged girl in Du Quoin, Ill., advertises for an engagement with a side show.

One thousand dollars have been spent in litigation about the ownership of a Cincinnati dog.

Mrs. A. T. Stewart has bought the chime of bells that vibrated Machinery Hall.

A penniless Chicago girl has opened a barber shop as a last resort.

Over seventy members of the Vermont Legislature attend a prayer meeting every morning.

There was not one indictment found, all last year, in Maine for any capital offence.

A Maryland parent has christened his triplets "Tilden," "Hendricks" and "Reform."

The "Spindle City" now has 800,000 spindles, 88 mills and \$10,000,000 invested in her factories.

Daniel Walker of Charleston, Vt., aged 80, was frozen to death in the road the other morning while on the way to his barn.

There are female pickpockets in Baltimore so handsome and lady-like that it is a pleasure to have them get away with your watch.

A cricket made from one of the side planks of the Mayflower is now to be seen at the Old South, Boston.

Emperor William has issued a special order forbidding German officers from entering the Russian army.

Marshall P. Wilder has witnessed the inauguration of every Governor of this Commonwealth during the past forty years.

The present green three-cent postage stamp, easy to clean and reuse, is to be succeeded, in May, by a red stamp with white ground.

The directors of the Holyoke Water Power Company have declared a dividend of 5 per cent., and the stockholders have voted to increase the capital by a stock dividend of \$250,000, making the capital \$900,000. The increase is to pay in part for \$360,000 expended upon the great dam across the Connecticut River, and \$200,000 in extending the canals.

CASUALTIES ON LAND AND SEA.

Another building has fallen in Springfield, so recently the scene of the falling block on Hampden street, and one more life has been sacrificed and several persons injured. The Boston & Albany freight house was crushed by the weight of the snow on the roof Monday afternoon, and only the western end, where the offices are located, is left standing. The building was 50 by 600 feet, and was built four years ago. The side roofs over the platforms were supported by iron brackets set into the brick walls, and were rather flat, and the snow had loaded the southern roof so heavily that the roof and wall showed signs of weakness, and had been propped up for several days. But the work of removing the snow was not pushed fast enough, and just as the men were looking up for the night, the walls yielded to the heavy lateral pressure, the trusted roof fell in, and about a dozen employees were buried under the debris. John Lovett, a young man of 22, was taken from the ruins dead and badly mangled, and nine others were more or less seriously injured. The building was considered an exceptionally strong one. There was not much freight in it at the time, and the damage will not probably exceed \$20,000.

The steamship Americus, from Havre for New York, went ashore at Seabright, N. J., near Long Branch, about 8 o'clock Sunday morning. There were 54 passengers and 162 officers and crew on board. As soon as the vessel struck a boat was sent ashore, but was upset and three of the crew drowned. Men from the life-saving stations were soon on hand, and all the persons were safely landed. The vessel is being unloaded, but it is feared she cannot be got off, as she is a dozen feet deep in the sand.

The ship Simla, of Portsmouth, N. H., bound from Marselles to New York, ran ashore Saturday night off Barnegat, N. J. The crew were all saved by the life-saving crews, but it is thought the ship will be a total loss. She is valued at something over \$50,000, and had no cargo of any account.

The mail train from Boston on the Rutland railroad was thrown from the track Monday afternoon by a broken rail near East Wallingford, Vt., and rolled down a 20 foot embankment. There were about thirty passengers, and several of them were badly injured, but no one killed.

There was a narrow escape from a serious accident on the New York Central railroad near Cold Spring, N. Y., last Friday. A freight train stood right across the main track, when the St. Louis express came rushing along at the rate of nearly 40 miles an hour, and went through the train like a cannon shot. The engine fortunately struck a barley-loaded car right in the middle, cutting a clean path for the train, which went through uninjured, though the engine was a good deal battered. The flagman was at fault. A similar accident and lucky escape took place at this same crossing about a year ago.

The Sound steamer Newport, of the Fall River line, ran aground on the beach in New Haven harbor last week Tuesday, and has not yet been got off.

The steamer Seminole, of the Boston and Savannah line, collided off Cape May Sunday morning with the steamer Montgomery, from New York for Havana, sinking her in a few moments; and thirteen persons, including four Spanish passengers, went down with her. There was a heavy fog at the time.

Two sleeping cars on the Virginia Midland railroad ran off the track near Kettle Run bridge, Thursday morning, and one of them was completely smashed into fine kindling wood, but no one was killed, though 15 persons were injured, one of them, an old man, probably fatally. The same day a passenger car on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad plunged down a 45-foot embankment near Greenbrier river, W. Va., bringing up on the ice of the river. Seven persons were hurt, but none fatally.

The Springfield Union, the only evening paper published in western Massachusetts, is now in the fourteenth year of its existence, and is steadily growing in favor and popularity. It has an able corps of editors, reporters and correspondents, is enterprising in collecting all the local and general news, and gives a faithful and full record of events as they daily occur. While the Union is thoroughly Republican in politics, it treats all public questions in a dignified and able manner, never subserving the public good to party interest. Its terms are reasonable, and any of our readers who may desire a good daily paper will do well to subscribe for the Union.

The county treasurer's annual report shows the receipts of the year to have been \$228,130, of which \$13,001 was for fines, fees and costs; prisoners' labor at jail, \$7777; dog licenses, \$8234; county tax \$80,000. The expenses were \$217,138. Jurors were paid \$8449; county commissioners, \$1700; sheriffs, clerks, etc., \$6317; dog damages of 1875, \$3202; balance of dog fund paid back to towns, \$5108; inquests, \$1046; land damages, \$5983; paid on new North-end bridge at Springfield, \$58,561; jail expenses, \$4041; sinking fund, \$20,000; criminal bills, \$21,116.

Holyoke's city engineer pronounces the bridge between that city and South Hadley Falls unsafe, because the floor beams are too slight and far apart, and the railing insecure. It was built five years ago, and has never been considered very strong by most people.

A bold attempt was made to rob a savings bank in New London while the bank was closed, Wednesday noon, but a watchman spoiled the fun and caught the man, who had entered the bank with false keys. Three confederates escaped.

The new suspension bridge between New York and Brooklyn is hardly more than begun, but a second one is now planned, far up town, and intended for railroad connection.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

The sleighing has improved since the thaw of Sunday.

Oysters have gone up, the cold weather reducing the supply largely.

The Palmer Lyceum discussed the emigration question Friday evening.

C. H. Eaton will preach in Union Hall tomorrow at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sleighting is pretty good herabouts, if the sleighers don't have to turn out much.

Traveling peddlers and agents are getting to be as thick as huckleberries in August.

This has been the week of prayer, and meetings have been held every other night in the Cong. church.

The early-closing movement is a success, and the stores will be closed Tuesday and Thursday evenings for the rest of the winter.

Mr. J. L. Bacon's dancing school at Weeks Hall, next Friday evening, will be open from 9 to 12 for outsiders, at 50 cents each. His full orchestra of five pieces will be on hand to furnish the music.

Prof. Mark Bailey of Yale College gave a reading at Wailes Hall, Thursday evening, for the benefit of the high school piano fund. Most of his renderings were exceedingly good, and his audience was well pleased.

The Methodists at East Wilbraham are to have a festival in their new chapel Thursday evening, 25th inst., consisting of music, declamations, etc., together with a turkey and chicken supper. The proceeds will go toward furnishing the chapel.

The next lecture in the course at the Congregational church will be given on Tuesday evening next, instead of Wednesday, by Rev. Geo. W. Phillips of Worcester. Subject: "Providence in History." The lecture will be preceded by a half-hour organ concert by Mrs. Crawford.

J. W. Snow, who formerly lived in this village and ran on the postal car from here to Brattleboro, was one of the injured by the accident Monday afternoon on the Rutland railroad, on which he is route agent. He was thrown against the stove and injured in the back and stomach.

"Dr." L. K. Blair of Holyoke has been arrested on two warrants, one charging him with performing an operation on the person of Mrs. Mary Wilson of Pelham which caused her death, and the other for performing an abortion upon Miss Josephine Myrick of the same place, formerly employed as a servant girl in Springfield. This "Dr." Blair formerly lived in Palmer and worked at wagon repairing, and when he left this place he blossomed out as a quack doctor.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Palmer National Bank, on Tuesday, the following directors were chosen: M. W. French, H. P. Wakefield, J. B. Shaw, A. H. Willis, George Moore, J. A. Squier, A. N. Lacey, P. P. Potter and Ira G. Potter. Messrs. Lacey and Potter are new members of the board, being elected in place of A. N. Dewey, deceased, and H. S. Lee of Springfield, who declined a re-election. M. W. French is President and L. Green cashier.

We have received from Noyes & Snow, Worcester, a very fascinating historical card game, entitled "The Chronicles of Uncle Sam's Family for 100 Years." It is upon a plan somewhat similar to "Authors," and so arranged that players can hardly avoid getting a very good idea of the history of their own country during the past century. From the various cards while playing can be learned the "record, heads, acts, circumstances and distinguished sons of the family of our worthy Uncle Sam." Noyes and Snow are successors to the well-known West & Lee Game Co., Worcester.

About fifty of Springfield's elite started for Palmer Monday evening for a sleighride, but the poor sleighing, consequent upon the thaw, added to a good old-fashioned tip-over, rather dampened their ardor for sleighing by the time they reached Collins' Depot, and so, sending their teams back home, they took the evening express at that station and came into town unaccompanied by the jingling sleigh bells, but with appetites sharpened for the beautiful supper which Landlord Weeks had prepared for them. They had a pleasant evening, with dancing, and returned to Springfield on the owl train.

The annual meeting of the Palmer Savings Bank was held on Monday, when the following officers were elected: President, Dr. H. P. Wakefield; vice-presidents, H. E. Brown, Brimfield, P. P. Potter, Wilbraham, E. Brimfield, P. P. Potter, E. Brown, J. B. Brown, Palmer; auditors, E. Brown, J. B. Brown; investing committee, M. W. French, Enos; Calkins, J. S. Loomis, J. B. Shaw; trustees, G. M. Fisk, M. W. French, E. G. Murdoch, S. R. Lawrence, R. L. Goddard, J. S. Loomis, Enos Calkins, Albert Norcross, Ira G. Potter, Joshua Tracy; secretary, Jas. G. Allen; treasurer, Leonard Green. The deposits in the bank now amount to \$245,649, and after paying a dividend of \$8164, and deducting \$1659 for expenses and taxes and \$432 for guarantee fund, a surplus of \$5947 is left.

"Out of Bondage" drew a crowded house at Wailes Hall Wednesday evening. The play possesses no special dramatic merit, but the actors filled their respective parts very creditably, and the old plantation melodies with which the play is enlivened were finely rendered. There is a weird horror about these old slave songs which never fails to delight an audience, and none can render them so effectively as the colored people themselves. Miss Anna Hyers has an unusually pure, rich soprano, and, indeed, all the troupe have excellent voices, and display thorough culture. The reserved seats were not very much reserved, and a good many holders of checks found their seats occupied, and there was considerable changing about in consequence.

WARREN.

Last Saturday night the clerk on the postal car for the west missed his hold on the Warren mail bag, which is caught on the fly, and, going under the cars, the bag was torn to pieces and many letters destroyed.

BONDVILLE.

The Methodist Sunday school have elected the following officers: Superintendent, G. D. Potter; assistant superintendent, Mr. Fowler; secretary and treasurer, Merriek Whitney; librarian, Frank O. Smith; chorister, Frank Alden.

BRIMFIELD.

The Brimfield thief-detecting society has elected the following officers: President, H. F. Brown; vice-president, N. F. Robinson; secretary, S. W. Brown; treasurer, J. T. Brown; directors, Samuel W. Brown, J. S. Blair, P. F. Spaulding, E. Livermore, F. E. Cook and A. Munroe. The society's financial condition is good.

MONSON.

The Congregational and Methodist societies have held union meetings this week, and much interest has been manifested. The officers of the Monson National Bank for the ensuing year are as follows: President, C. W. Holmes; vice-president, H. M. Key-

nolds; cashier, E. F. Morris; directors, C. W. Holmes, C. H. Merrick, Joshua Tracy, E. F. Morris, R. S. Munn, R. M. Reynolds, Alfred Norcross.

WILBRAHAM.

The churches are holding union meetings this week.

The students are holding half-hour meetings in the reading room.

Prof. Raymond of the Academy gave a reading in Fisk Hall Friday evening, under the auspices of Pieria Society.

Mr. Forward died very suddenly Wednesday morning while eating his breakfast. So quietly did he expire that he remained in a sitting posture after he was dead.

WEST WARREN.

A party of young people visited Ware Wednesday evening to witness the drama "Colleen Bawn."

The first meeting to form a reading club will be held next Tuesday evening, in Crossman's Hall.

The Calvin Cutter Post No. 99, G. A. R., install their recently elected officers next Friday evening. A turkey supper will be served immediately after the installation. A limited number of complimentary tickets have been given to the public.

Lewis Dankoff, whose barn was destroyed by an incendiary fire a short time ago, estimates his loss at about \$2000; partially insured. The stock burned consisted of 15 head of cattle and 3 horses. No trace has been found of the guilty parties.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

Timothy O'Brien and John Howe were arrested, tried and convicted for assault and battery on David Twoligh last Tuesday.

Traveling on all the cross roads in town is almost impossible, on account of drifts and the roughness of the roads, but on the main highways it was never better.

There was a dance at Academy Hall on Wednesday evening, the company numbering more than thirty couples. Music was furnished by home talent, and was good. The whole thing passed off pleasantly and with abundant success.

William H. Cleveland had a wolf robe stolen from his sleigh under a shed at Nathaniel Cates' store on Springfield hill, Tuesday, while he was taking dinner. The thieves not daring to carry it off in daylight hid it under a barrel in the same shed. Two suspicious characters were seen about, and before eight o'clock in the evening the robe was found, and the two captured and committed.

THREE RIVERS.

The Otis company at Three Rivers have presented the Baptist church a check for \$300.

Rev. Mr. Holman has not resigned his pastorate of the Baptist church, as has been stated.

Rev. W. K. Peirce of Brimfield will exchange pulpits with Rev. J. W. Holman next Sabbath.

The weekly meetings of the Y. M. C. A. will hereafter be held in the Sovereigns' hall, which they have kindly offered for the purpose.

The Sovereigns of Industry installed their officers last Friday evening, and then had an entertainment consisting of tableaux, singing, and a funny speech by a "South Carolina legislator" in costume.

The People's Literary Society will give an entertainment in the Baptist vestry next Thursday evening, consisting of a drama in two acts, "Down by the Sea," and the farce "A Regular Fix," with good vocal and instrumental music. This is their first public entertainment, and will doubtless be well patronized.

DISTRICT COURT.

Allen W. Towne of Holland, who was arrested some time ago on a charge of stealing cattle, but who was at liberty under bonds, was again arrested by Constable Palmer last week Thursday, on two warrants for larceny of cattle from Henry Sherman of Woodstock, Ct., and Vernon Chamberlain of Sturbridge, and on Friday was brought before Judge Allen and in default of \$1300 bonds was sent to jail to await examination on Wednesday. A number of witnesses were summoned, and his examination which came off as appointed occupied nearly the whole day. During the past two years about 150 head of cattle have been stolen from the pastures in the southern part of Worcester county and northeastern Connecticut, and Towne is believed to have taken them. He has been engaged in the meat business, and has many times sold meat at suspiciously low rates. A heifer stolen from Mr. Sherman was sold to Mr. Foster of Brimfield, Mr. Sherman being able to prove property by making the creature perform certain tricks it had been taught. Mr. Chamberlain identified his steer by the hide, and several other parties found hides that were once on their cattle, in Towne's possession. Towne claims to have bought the cattle from droves that came along, but the prosecution made out a pretty strong case, and he was remanded to jail, in default of \$2100 bonds, to await trial at the May term of the Superior court. He was already under \$500 bonds to appear for trial at the next criminal term at Worcester, and there are two or three other warrants hanging over him. A. J. Bartholomew of Sturbridge appeared for the government, and S. E. Fairfield of Stafford and C. L. Gardner for defendant. Just before his arrest Towne had sold his property at auction, and was thought to be getting ready to leave the State. He gave officer Palmer the slip after his arrest and a hot chase through the snow in the fields, but was finally caught.

Edward Sexton of Deerfield was on Monday brought before Judge Allen on complaint of Mary Powers of Monson for bastardy, and was put under \$400 bonds for his appearance at the March term of the Superior court, in default of which he went to jail.

Thomas Riley of Thorndike on Wednesday paid \$5.05 for an assault some time ago on John Riley.

WARE AND VICINITY.

John Barnes is digging for the foundation of a new house, nearly opposite H. Bond's on West Main St.

Wm. E. Lewis left last week for Wisconsin, where he will remain three months engaged in evangelistic work.

A large number, mostly young people, gave Frank P. Clark and wife a surprise, at their new residence on Main street, Thursday evening.

Medeall & Reed have purchased of L. Hilton, his entire undertaking stock and trade, and will continue the business at the old stand. See advertisement.

Prof. Harrington will occupy Music Hall next week Wednesday evening. The Prof. is well known here, and will need no recommendation to draw a good house.

About twenty-five new volumes have recently been added to the library, including Ancient Classics for English Readers, in twenty volumes, and On The Jericho Road.

The receipts of the Ware post office during the year 1876 were \$2756.62, and divided as follows: received for stamps and stamped envelopes, \$2413.24; from box rents, \$340; from unpaid letters, \$33.33.

The Colleen Bawn, drew an audience of about 350, and the gross proceeds were \$75. The young men did not do as well on the

stage as on some former occasions, and the drama was a hard one for amateurs to play.

Mr. Bond finished cutting ice last Saturday. He cut this year about four-fifths of an acre, and has put into his ice house 5100 cakes, or about 580 tons. The ice averages about 1 1/2 inches thick and is very clear. Mr. Bond employed 21 men and five two-horse teams to cut and store the ice, and was four days filling the house.

The Hampshire County Journal succeeds the Northampton Journal and Free Press, and is edited by Charles F. Warner, who says he has come with the intention to stay. The paper adopts the motto of the Journal and Free Press, "Stand firm on those Principles which are the Life of the Republic," and will be conducted as an independent journal.

The Ware National Bank at their annual meeting Tuesday chose the following officers: President, Wm. Hyde; vice president, W. S. Hyde; directors, Wm. Hyde, W. S. Hyde, Otis Lane, Addison Sandford, Nathan Richardson, Warren, Emmons, Twichell, Brookfield, Ezra Cary, Enfield, Wm. Mixer, Hardwick.

The Ware Savings Bank will make a reduction of rate of interest on all loans, for 6 months ending July 1st 1877, to 6 per cent. per annum, to all debtors who have paid the demands already made, or that may be made on their interest promptly, when due. All who are in any way delinquent in payments of principal and interest, will be required to pay the full rate of interest as specified in the notes against them.

Through the kindness of the town clerk we are enabled to present the following statistics: Whole number of deaths registered in Ware for the year 1876 was 135, against 144 for 1875, and 146 for 1874. Of this number 52 were males and 81 were females; 72 lived and died in Ware, 25 in Warren, and the rest in other towns about us; 19 died of consumption, 31 of diphtheria, 13 of fevers, 1 of small pox, 1 was drowned and 1 broke his neck; 8 died in Jan., 11 in Feb., 11 in Mar., 10 in Apr., 17 in May, 15 in June, 6 in July, 10 in Aug., 15 in Sept., 9 in Oct., 8 in Nov., and 9 in Dec.; 45 were born in Ware, 105 in the United States, and the others in foreign lands; 97 were under 10 years of age, 26 were over 50, 21 over 60, 12 over 70, and 2 over 80; the oldest was Mrs. Lucy Bartlett 87 years, 10 months and 21 days. Among the deaths year before last 34 were over 60, and 14 over 80, while the oldest was 94. The total number of marriages solemnized in Ware last was 43, an increase of 5 over the previous year, and a decrease of 13 from the year 1874. Of those married last year, both parties of 38 couples were married for the first time, three brides and grooms had each been married once before, while one man, who had been married twice before, married a woman who had been married once before; the youngest bride was 16 and the oldest 52, and the youngest groom was 19 and the oldest 53; 7 couples were united in November, 6 in May, 5 each in Jan., Aug. and Oct., 4 in Feb., 3 in Dec., 2 each in Apr., Sept. and July, and one each in March and June; Rev. Chas. Boucher united 19 pair, Rev. A. B. Perkins 6, Rev. Wm. Moran 3, Rev. W. G. Tuttle 3, Rev. J. L. Marsh and Rev. John Lyon 2 each, Revs. J. B. Bigelow, W. M. Ayres and M. B. Cummings 1 each, H. M. Conely 1, and out-of-town ministers 2. There were 98 births last year, a decrease of 10 from 75 and 4 from 74; 54 of these were males and 44 females; there were two cases of twins.

BEWARE OF THE SPARKS.—A young man named George Traverser started from Woonsocket for a ride to Millville, Friday evening, in company with a young lady. While passing through Waterford the young man lit a cigar, and the sparks ignited the girl's clothing, which, fanned by the breeze, soon enveloped her in flames. With great presence of mind Traverser unwrapped her in the foot robe, and thus prevented serious results, although the girl's face and hands were considerably burned and her clothing was ruined. The moral of this is, no gentleman will smoke in the presence of a lady in any place.

The Supreme Court of this State has affirmed the decision that a Boston Jew must pay a fine for keeping his store open on Sunday, although he closed it on Saturday. The court held that he might continue his "labor, business or work" on Sunday, but nobody can keep open a "shop, warehouse or workshop" on that day.

Hans Makart's historical painting, "Queen Caterina Cornaro receiving the Homage of the Venetians," which was on exhibition at the Centennial, has been bought for \$25,000 by the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts. The picture is thirty-five feet long and thirteen feet wide.

The city of New York does not make a very good financial showing. It owes \$120,000,000, and last year \$3,000,000 more was added. Meanwhile there is difficulty collecting the taxes. Of last year's \$6,500,000 remain unpaid, with \$5,000,000 arrears for the five previous years.

Frank Bennett, an employee of the

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How Little We Know.

How little we know of each other, As we pass through the journey of life, With its struggles, its fears and temptations, Its heart-breaking sorrows and its strife! We can only see things on the surface, For few people glory in sin. And an immortal life is no index To the tumult which rages within.

How little we know of each other! That woman who to-day passes by, And left to her sighs and her tears, May, ere the sun rises to-morrow, Have the mark rudely torn from her face, And sink from the height of her glory To the dark shades of shame and disgrace.

How little we know of each other! Of ourselves too little we know! We are all weak when under temptation, All subject to error and sin. Then let blessed charity rule, Let us put away envy and spite— For the skeleton grin in our cheeks May some day be brought out to light.

REWARD OF JEALOUSY.

Feeling in a lively mood, this evening, I have concluded to write, for the edification of whoever may chance to read it, my experience in love. As you must know, I, like all others, was once young, and likewise had my love-dreams, and also my share of trials and tribulations relative to that distressing evil, jealousy.

Well, shortly after my return from college, I met and formed an attachment for Ethel Graves, a charming little brunette with large brown eyes fringed all around with jet lashes, the daughter of one of our neighbors, a wealthy Southern planter. Being neighbors, and our families being on good terms, we were constantly thrown together, and in due season my affections were made known, and I am happy to announce, were fully appreciated; so we were betrothed after the usual fashion.

One evening, having called on my lady-love, there arose a question of which she had been teasing me to tell her, and having it in my power to tantalize her, I made use of the opportunity.

"Woman's curiosity," said I, with a shrug of my shoulders, "and feminine jealousy—"

"Nonsense!" retorted Ethel, coloring. "I suppose men are never curious or jealous either?"

"Never," quoth I, with a smile of calm superiority. "Then you must tell me, Herbert?"

"I think, my dear, that your curiosity and other emotions need a little discipline."

Now when on earth I wanted to be so provoking, I can't tell; the natural perversity of man, most probably; for there was no other reason; I wanted to tease Ethel, so I withdrew into a veil of impenetrable mystery.

She did not say one word more, but turned quietly and left the room, and as she disappeared through the entrance I saw the downward flutter of a little slip of white paper from her dress; now whether it was dropped intentionally or on purpose, I do not know; for the readers to guess. Instinctively I stooped to pick it up, and, as I stooped, I could not avoid reading the characters inscribed thereon in a clear, masculine chirography—

"I. B. Clark and Newton. No disappointment this time."

I felt the crimson flush mounting to my temples as I read and re-read the mysterious words, "R. C." Didn't I remember that Robert Clark was Ethel's second cousin and a provokingly handsome fellow at that? Had I forgotten that people used to think what a "handsome couple" they would make, before I stepped into the ring? R. C., indeed! And I clenched my fist involuntarily as I crumpled the paper inside my grasp.

"What are you looking for, Ethel?" She stood with one hand resting lightly on the door-knob, glancing uneasily around the room, while there was a guilty flush on her cheek.

"I—that is—have you seen a little slip of paper lying about?"

"No."

I uttered the falsehood with deliberate calmness, even while the tell-tale billet lay in my hands. So she was anxious about it. She didn't like the idea that I should have an insight into her little arrangements with R. C. Ah! false and fair—all women are alike.

"It must have been something very important," I remarked, as she hurriedly turned over the books on the table, still searching for the missing treasure.

"I suppose I have left it up stairs," she said, artfully evading a direct answer. "You are not going, Herbert?"

"I am going. Good-night."

Not until I was in my own room did I open and re-examine the odious little bit of paper.

Of course the whole thing was as plain as daylight. To-day was simply the tenth of the month; it was simply an appointment for the morrow at 3 o'clock. I ground my teeth as the truth flashed across my brain. "No appointment this time." I would have liked to challenge Robert Clark to mortal combat on that instant, were it not that duels were entirely out of fashion. What business had he to lay down law to my Ethel? But there was no consolation—Willie Newton was my old friend; he would not see me wronged, if he could help it, and I promptly resolved to appeal to Willie for aid and justice. I glanced at my watch; nine o'clock; too late to seek out Mr. Newton, who probably was at his country seat long before this. So I lighted my pipe and sat down to chew the cud of my own bitter meditations. The more I meditated on my injuries, the more furious I became, until, as the clock chimed midnight, I took my final resolve.

"I will not be made a fool of—I will cast her off as unworthy of my love, but will first possess myself of a clew to this mystery and accuse her boldly for her fate."

I looked up at the clock; it wanted just fifteen minutes to three, and I hurriedly confided the whole story of my wrongs to Willie's honest breast.

"My dear fellow, I really think you are attaching too much importance to a mere trifle. 'A trifle!' I bit my lips until the blood came. 'I think differently; and it's very easy to see you are not standing in my peculiar position, Newton.'

"Shall I send for Clark? He is in the store, no doubt."

"You will do nothing of the sort."

"Well, then, what is it you require of me?"

"Listen; she will be here, probably at three, to see Clark."

"Well?"

"Where will he be likely to receive her?"

"In this room, I suppose."

"Is there no place where I can be an unseen listener to the conversation?"

"Why, there is the wardrobe, but—"

"The very place," I exclaimed, exultantly.

"Yes—but, Herbert, wouldn't it be a mean thing to listen to what is not intended for your ears?" faltered Willie, with some embarrassment.

"I don't care a fig whether it's mean or not," I retorted. "I'm in no state of mind, just now, to split hairs. If you are going to oblige me, say so; if not, I may as well go."

"Of course the room is at your service, Herbert. I am going out, but that makes no difference. I hope you will discover that you are in error."

I smiled bitterly. I entertained no such hope. The clock struck three as Mr. Newton took his leave, and I hurriedly ensconced myself in the wardrobe, with my head against Willie's business coat, and my other extremities in a perfect grave of linen dusters and obsolete pantaloons. Altogether, it was not an agreeable position; a wardrobe where one can just stand erect, with closed doors, on a hot evening in August, is not an enviable place. But what I have endured anything there.

"How warm it is! In fact, it is getting decidedly tropical," I reflected, as I wiped the dew from my glowing forehead. "Why don't Ethel come, if she is coming?" And then I began to reflect on St. Bartholomew and his bed of hot coals, as I pushed the door a quarter of an inch open.

Hush—a footstep! I jerked the door to again, with an exclamation that made my prison-howl away in a sadly nervous condition, but it was only a clerk sent for something, and I breathed freely once more—that is, as freely as it was possible to do under the circumstances. Good gracious, how hot it was! A thermometer would certainly have stood at a hundred in this close atmosphere. I was steaming with perspiration; my hair was as wet as if I had stood in a summer shower; but I would have cheerfully remained there all day, to detect the monstrous conspiracy between my Ethel and "R. C."

Four o'clock; Ethel's name had been detained; I could hear "R. C.'s" voice occasionally in the store; positive proof he was on hand.

Five o'clock. Decidedly, this was getting rather monotonous; I was inclined to be very sleepy; but it wouldn't do, to yield to the blandishments of Morpheus. But my patience was not destined to go entirely unrewarded; just as I was about to give up in utter despair, there was a flutter of garments on my ear; the sound of Ethel's sweet, familiar voice.

"I'm so sorry I lost that memorandum, Robert!"

"It isn't of any consequence, Ethel. I will make it all straight. Let me see," said Robert, reflectively, "you want it lined with crimson silk, with crimson cords and tassels. When do you want it finished?"

"By Thursday; it's Herbert's birthday."

"I think I can promise it to you by that time; I was sorry to disappoint you before, but we really hadn't a bit of anything in the store that was at all appropriate. This material is elegant."

"Beautiful!" ejaculated Ethel. "How pleased Herbert will be!"

SHEEP GROWING IN COLORADO.

Correspondence of the Journal. DENVER, Col., Jan. 4th, 1877.

I would like to give you a few facts in regard to sheep raising in Colorado, as I have a great many letters of inquiry in regard to the business from your section of the country.

Colorado is the sheep country of the West. We have to-day over two million sheep in the State, and we claim that if sheep can be raised at a profit in the East where land is worth from \$10 to \$50 per acre, and where they have to be fed five months in the year, we certainly ought to make it a profitable business here, where the range is free, and where sheep may feed on the prairie every day in the year. I don't mean by that that we never have snow or cold weather here; far from it, for we do, and as severe storms as I have ever seen East; but the sheep get accustomed to the changes and get through these storms with very little loss. Usually the snow lies on the ground but a few days at a time, and weeds they dig down to the grass. It is a grand sight to see a flock of 2000 sheep feeding in a deep snow.

Formerly the sheep men here made no preparations for the winter, such as providing hay and sheds. In case of bad storms it is a very good idea, and parties located in the northern portions of the State should not go into winter quarters without being prepared for these storms. I have always had hay, but have never been obliged to feed but three tons in four winters. We had for the past two or three years the most severe weather and worst snow storms since '71; we have now some 8 inches on the level, and still the sheep come in full every night. On the 21st of last month the thermometer indicated 30 degrees below zero, which would be called pretty snug New England weather.

We usually wean our lambs in October, but late lambs do much better than those that are weaned in the spring in better condition. The sheep business is not all play by any means. It requires constant attention and a good deal of hard work in order to make a success of it. And any one going into the business who will look after it as he would any other business, in order to make a success of it, can make more on the capital invested than in any other business in the State. The sheep here are not subject to contagious diseases, the only disease known being the dry scab, and that can be kept down with very little trouble.

We have plenty of wool buyers here, and some years can sell to as good advantage as we can east. The rates east on wool are low. I shipped this season from my ranch, which is 25 miles east of Denver, to Hartford, Ct., for \$2.45 per 100 pounds.

Next season we expect to have a factory for scouring the wool before it is shipped, which will be a great saving in freight, as it shirks about 35 per cent. in scouring. I have reference to the half-breed wool; the Mexican wool will not shrink as much. We are improving our wool all the time by grading it up, and in a few years we will ship as good a grade of wool from Colorado as they do now from Ohio. Respectfully yours,

ROBERT R. WRIGHT, JR.

WHAT SHALL OUR DAUGHTERS DO?

Appropos of what Mrs. Livermore's late lecture on the above important question said, the Davenport Democrat thus sensibly makes answer:

Teach them self-reliance. Teach them to make bread. Teach them to make shirts. Teach them not to wear false hair. Teach them not to paint and powder. Teach them to wear thick, warm shoes. Teach them to make their own dresses. Teach them how to wash and iron clothes. Bring them up to do marketing for the family.

Teach them how to cook a good meal of victuals. Teach them that a dollar is only a hundred cents. Teach them to wear calico dresses—and do it like a queen.

Teach them to say no, and mean it; or yes, and stick to it. Teach them how to darn stockings and sew on buttons.

Teach them to regard the morals, not the money of beaux. Give them a good, substantial, common school education. Teach them every day, dry, hard, practical common sense.

Teach them the mysteries of the kitchen, the dining-room and parlor. Teach them that a good, round, rosy romp is worth fifty delicate consumptives. Teach them to have nothing to do with intemperance and dissolute young men.

Teach them to cultivate a garden, and drive a road team or farm wagon. Teach them that the more one lives within their income the more he will save.

Teach them their accomplishments—music, painting, drawing—if you have time and money to do it with.

Teach them that God made them in his own image, and that no amount of tight lacing will improve the model. Teach them the essentials of life—truth, honesty, uprightness—and at a suitable time let them marry.

Dr. Lawfrazerosky has recently called attention to the fact that almost precisely the same chemical and physical changes can be accomplished by the exposure of animal flesh to extreme cold as by the use of heat. He proposes to utilize this fact in the preservation of meats by first subjecting them to a temperature of thirty-three degrees Fahrenheit, below zero, and then sealing them up hermetically in tin vessels. Meat thus prepared has been found to be extremely palatable, and being already partly cooked by the cold, requires but little heat to prepare it for the table.

The boy stood near a broken shaft, and bitter tears he shed; we eyed the youngster fore and aft—his eyes and nose were red. He looked the picture of distress, the very type of woe; we asked why this unhappiness; his voice came sad and low, and while the lad's tears related the story, we were awed. Said he, "I bought a pair of skates, and now it's gone and thawed."

In distinction from "Old Probabilities," the pretty Treasury girls at Washington are called "young possibilities."

If the best man's faults were written on his forehead he would draw his hat over his eyes.

Friendship.

What is friendship? 'Tis a gentle flower That only blooms beneath the sun's warm rays; But if a storm—an angry cloud should lower, The bud is nipt—the blossoms pass away.

What is friendship? 'Tis a breathing spell, The softest sound the lips have ever spoken; A thing too pure on this cold earth to dwell, A silken knot scarce tied ere it is broken.

Yet, 'tis the guiding star of all our hopes, Our stay—our solace in this world of care; And comfort to the heart, and food the soul That has no friends its joys—its griefs to share.

CORN AND HOGS.

From carefully conducted experiments by different persons, it has been ascertained that one bushel of corn will make a little more than ten pounds of pork, gross. Taking the result as a basis, the following deductions are made, which all our farmers would do well to lay by for a convenient reference:

When corn sells at 12½ cents per bushel, pork costs 1 7-8 cents per pound.
When corn costs 17 cents per bushel, pork costs 2 cents per pound.
When corn costs 25 cents per bushel, pork costs 3 cents per pound.
When corn costs 33 cents per bushel, pork costs 4 cents per pound.
When corn costs 50 cents per bushel, pork costs 5 cents per pound.

The following statements show what the farmer realizes on his corn when sold in the terms of pork:

When pork sells at 3 cents per pound, it brings 25 cents per bushel in corn.
When pork sells at 4 cents per pound, it brings 32 cents per bushel in corn.
When pork sells at 5 cents per pound, it brings 45 cents per bushel in corn.

ARE YOU READY?

Rev. Dr. Kidd was a Scotch minister of some prominence, and very eccentric, and one who had his own way of doing things. One of his parishioners says:

"I was busy in my shop, when in the midst of my work in stepped the doctor. 'Did you expect me?' was his abrupt inquiry, without even waiting for a salutation."

"No," was my reply.

"What if it had been Death?" asked he, "when at once he stepped out as abruptly as he came, and was gone almost before I knew it."

What a question! What a thought for every one of us! Does not death come to most, if not all, as unexpectedly as this? And does not the inquiry impress the lesson from our Saviour's lips, "Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

THE WRONG TIME.—"Put the little ones happy to bed," says some one, alluding to the habit some parents have of deferring punishment for faults committed during the day until bedtime. Never whip children just before they retire to rest. Let the father's aches, the mother's kiss, be the last link between the day's pain or pleasure, and the night's sleep. Send the children to bed happy. If there is sorrow, punishment or disgrace, let them meet it in the daytime, and have hours of play or thought in which to recover happiness, which is childhood's right. Let the weary feet, the busy brain, rest in bed happy.

THE WORST OF TWO EVILS.—An old colored woman who returned a few days since to Savannah, after a lengthy absence, encountered, after she was informed, an old friend, whom in a surprised tone she greeted, "Why, laws, honey, is you here yet; ain't done gone for and died?" "No, ma'am," said the saluted one, "I use here for sure, but I've had an awful time." "Did ye hab de yellow fever?" "No, wuss dan dat." "What dat? Wuss dan de yellow fever? What did you hab?" "I hab de carbolic," said the other, with a lugubrious look and a sniff of the nose. She had been disinfecting out of her house.

If a tallow candle be placed in a gun and shot at a door it will go through without sustaining injury; and if a musket ball be shot into the water it will not only rebound but be flattened. If fired through a pane of glass it will make a hole the size of the ball without cracking the glass; if the glass be suspended by a thread it will make no difference; if the thread will not even vibrate. Cork, if the thread will not even vibrate. Cork, if the thread will not even vibrate. Cork, if the thread will not even vibrate.

An old lady, hearing some one reading about a Congressman at large, rushed into the kitchen door, shouting, "Sarah Jane! Sarah Jane! don't you leave the clothes out all night, mind what I tell you, for there's a Congressman at large!"

Christian graces are like perfumes—the more they are pressed, the sweeter they are; like stars, that shine brighter in the dark; like trees—the more they are shaken the deeper root they take, and the more fruit they bear.

Youth vanishes, manhood flies; soon old age is ours, and then, like children, weary with the day's amusement, and tired of petty annoyances and disappointments, we are glad to lie down and sleep.

The New Century asks, "How can a woman make home more attractive to her husband?" Around her the surest way is believed to be to hire a pretty chambermaid.—Norwich Bulletin.

The soul which lies believably and humbly at the feet of the Savior, will soon see hope descending, as a mystic ladder from above, inviting him to ascend to heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Honest and courageous people have very little to say about either their courage or their honesty. The sun has no need to boast of its brightness, nor the moon of her effulgence.

The great question of the present is: Whether it is better to carry two pounds of dried apples or a bar of ten cent soap to the annual donation at the minister's house.

Very few men realize the blessings of a good wife, until a place between his shoulder blades, that he can't reach, needs scratching.

TO CURE DANDRUFF.

The belief that dandruff arises from a disease of the skin, although physicians do not seem to agree on this point, and the knowledge that the use of sulphur is frequently attended with very happy results in such diseases, induced me to try it in my own case. A preparation of one ounce flowers of sulphur and one quart of water was made. The clear liquid was poured off, after the mixture had been repeatedly agitated during the interval of a few hours, and the head saturated with this every morning. In a few weeks every trace of dandruff had disappeared, the hair became soft and glossy, and now, after a discontinuance of the treatment for eighteen months, there is no indication of a return of the disease.

I do not pretend to explain the *modus operandi* of the treatment, for it is well known that sublimed sulphur is almost wholly insoluble, and the liquid used was destitute of taste, color or smell. The effect speaks for itself. Other persons to whom it has been recommended have had the same results, and I commend the result of my experience in the belief that it may be valuable and acceptable to many who have suffered in the same manner as myself.—American Journal of Pharmacy.

VIENNA BREAD.

Those who have tasted the Vienna bread at Philadelphia may like to know how to make it. The following directions, faithfully followed, will, it is said, insure success every time: Sift in a tin pan four pounds of flour, bank it up against the sides, pour in one quart of milk and water, and mix into it enough flour to form a thin batter; then quickly and lightly add one pint of milk, in which is dissolved one ounce of salt and one and three-quarters ounces of Gaff & Fleischman's compressed yeast; leave the remainder of the flour against the side of the pan; cover the pan with a cloth and set it in a place free from draught for three-quarters of an hour; then mix in the rest of the flour until the dough will leave the bottom and sides of the pan, and let it stand two and a half hours.

Finally, divide the mass into one-pound pieces, to be cut in turn into twelve parts each. This gives square pieces about three and a half inches thick, each corner of which is taken up and folded over to the center, and then the cakes are turned over on a dough-board to rise for half an hour, when they are put into a hot oven that bakes them in ten minutes.

ORIGIN OF PHRASES.—The term *sub rosa* originated as follows: Cupid gave a rose to Hippocrates, and from this legend arose the practice of suspending a rose over the table. While eating, when it was intended that the conversation must be kept secret. The explanation of "by hook or crook" is that in the old times, persons entitled to get firewood in the king's forest were limited to such dead branches as they could tear down with a "hook or a crook, without hurt to his Majesty's tree." "In spite of his teeth" originated thus: King John of England once demanded of a Jew the sum of ten thousand marks, and on being refused, ordered that the Israelite should have one of his teeth drawn until he gave his consent. The Jew submitted to the loss of seven, and then he paid the required sum; hence the expression, "in spite of his teeth."

BALKY HORSES.—The following devices have been successfully tried to accomplish the desired end: Tying a string around the horse's ear close to his head. Hitching the horse to the single-tree by means of a cord instead of the tugs; the cord fastened to the horse's tail. Filling the mouth full of some disagreeable substance. Tying a stout twine around the leg just below the knee, and then removing it when he has traveled some distance. Never whip a balky horse, for the more he is whipped the crazier he will become. Let everything be done gently, for boisterous words only confuse him and make him worse. Treat him in the mild manner you would a crazy man, and you will succeed.

HARD WORK.—It is the pursuit followed without interest that weighs down the most elastic mind. It is the wearisome music lesson, tolled over by the scholar with neither taste nor ear; the drudgery of committing to memory long lists of names, which to the learner are only names; the prosing geographical lesson, where the most interesting scenes call up no pictures for the imagination to dwell upon; the historical lecture, where, instead of living and breathing men and women, the student is cheated with the mere dry bones of some historical epitome. These dry bones constitute "hard work," that useless hard work "that frets and injures the fine texture of the brain," and which, as high medical authority has told us, is the cause with all wearisome, toilsome, lengthened labor.

They had been engaged a long time, and one evening were reading the paper together. "Look, love," he exclaimed, "only \$15 for a suit of clothes!" "Is it a wedding suit?" she asked, looking naïvely at her lover. "Oh! no," he replied, "it's a business suit." "Well, I mean business," she answered.

It is remarked as a little singular by a student of Biblical paintings that all the patriarchs are represented as being bald. It should be remembered, however, that most of them married young.

"Is your master up?" asked an early visitor of a nobleman's valet. "Yes, sir," replied the valet, with great innocence; "the butler and I carried him up about 3 o'clock."

"I don't think," said Mrs. Frawn, "that book-keeping is a very sedative employment. They must get," she added thoughtfully, "so much exercise running up the columns."

The man with the wooden leg has no advantage over most of us. He don't have to take but one flat iron up to bed with him.

He that never was acquainted with adversity has seen the world but on one side and is ignorant of half the scenes of nature.

Harvest never comes to such as

ODDS AND ENDS.

Mrs. President Grant receives on Fridays. The Irish element in the British army is decreasing.

The severe winter is killing Illinois' quail. Louis Napoleon is a chip of the old block-head.

Australia has a population of 2,000,000. Alex. Stephens has been called "an animated wrinkle."

The grave of General Lee is kept constantly adorned with flowers.

Ostrich eggs are quoted at \$10 each at the Cape of Good Hope.

A Troy weather prophet predicts twenty-seven more snow storms.

Beecher on Vanderbilt: "We don't want to give God the bag-end of our lives."

A New Bedford woman, of 62, never used a hairpin in her life.

Mr. Beecher says he is of Welsh ancestry, four generations back.

John B. Gough is well enough to lecture again, and has gone West.

Alexander H. Stephens is very ill again, having had a hemorrhage of the lungs.

There are 123 farmers in the Connecticut Legislature, and only 12 lawyers.

It takes 11 minutes to send a dispatch from New York to London, and 17 to San Francisco.

The English pictures sent to the Centennial have arrived home in perfect safety.

Lent commences on St. Valentine's Day, and Easter Sunday comes on April Fool's Day.

Clara Louise Kellogg, when 9 months old, sang several airs, and played the piano at the age of 3 years.

Queen Victoria has been vaccinated, and now regards the spread of small-pox in London with equanimity.

The Rothschilds could pay our National debt nine times, and have enough left to start a daily paper.

Isaac Friedlander, the wheat king of San Francisco, sold from his farm last year 18,000 tons of wheat for \$648,000 in gold.

Mr. Hill Keith of Lake Forest, N. C., having lost his wife last year, was married to her mother on Christmas day.

A child sat down on a hot stove hearth in Pittsburgh, and was permanently branded with the words "Base Burner."

William E. Dodge is said to expend from \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year in sustaining the cause of Evangelical Christianity.

Two daughters of a well known citizen of Montreal simultaneously eloped with their lovers last week.

Two young ladies of Baltimore were made seriously ill last week by eating cake too highly flavored with extract of bitter almonds.

One of the sights in Des Moines, Ia., the other day, was a member of the chain-gang working on a culvert with his hands encased in lavender kids.

During the Empress celebration at Delhi, India, Lord Lytton entertained three hundred persons at dinner daily for two weeks.

A man at Keokuk has cut out and pasted in a scrap book accounts of eleven hundred different boiler explosions.

San Francisco is almost wholly built of wood; but the material, redwood, though it will burn brightly will not hold fire where there is a little wetting.

California pears are selling in London, and are considered better than many varieties of those received from France.

A headstone in a Paris cemetery bears the simple inscription, without name or date, "Allez vous en!" "Get out!"

Mrs. Leocina Flood, who died lately at North Adams, was the first woman who in this country served as an operative in a spinning mill.

A New York paper, describing Congressman Tarbox, said: "He wears a moustache as black as boiled pitch, has a mop of long hair, and a voice like a howling wilderness in the agonies of despair."

Boston has at present 650 men in its police department. They made 30,041 arrests during the past year. The total expenses of the department for nine months ending December 31, 1876, were \$629,445.41. During the past year 63,726 persons were supplied with lodgings in the various police stations of the city, and of these 51,820 were non-residents.

The New York Sanitary Board prohibits the use of straw in the horse cars, but still allows it in the fashionable drinks.

What is so comfortable and good looking for a sleighing party as a good overcoat, made to order and warranted to fit, it made at S. C. Ray's, 417 Main street, Springfield.

A writer in one of our standard medical journals says: "It was a cure of Dropsy in one month by using HUNT'S REMEDY." All diseases of the Kidneys, Bladder and Urinary Organs, are cured by HUNT'S REMEDY.

INFALLIBLE EYE WASH is harmless.

Our readers who wish to get a pair of spectacles or eye glasses that will be sure to suit should visit D. M. Chapin, the practical optician, at 432 Main street, Springfield, over Tinkham & Co's. He cuts and sets the finest glass in gold, silver and steel frames, and warrants the focus correct.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—For scurvy, Leprosy, and cutaneous diseases they are unrivaled. In places where these maladies are prevalent the cures are marvelous for the expulsion of pimples, blotches, &c., they are unparalleled, and as a cosmetic the Ointment stands unequalled. Sold everywhere. 25 cents per box or pot.

Nature's Balsam for all complaints of the lungs, the throat, and the bronchial tubes, is "Hale's Honey of Horchound and Tar." Coughs and colds vanish as it by magic under its soothing, healing operation.

Pike's Toothache Drops cure in 1 minute. 4w40

All our readers when visiting Springfield, if in want of boots and shoes, will do as well to call at Fay's shoe store, 352 Main street, where the lowest prices are guaranteed.

LYON'S KATHARON prevents the hair from falling out or turning gray, renews its growth, and gives strength and vigor. It is delightfully pure, and makes a splendid dressing. It is the cheapest and most desirable Hair Tonic ever produced. Used by the elite. Price only 50 cents. 1y3-26

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Our exchanges are filled with accounts of most wonderful cures effected by Dr. GAGE'S "MEDICAL WONDER." It is said to be the greatest discovery ever discovered, giving buoyancy to the spirits, cheerfulness to the step, and making the invalid hearty, courageous and strong. It cures all diseases of the liver, stomach, kidneys and spleen; scrofula and all blood diseases; cures nervous prostration and weakness of either sex, restoring tone and vigor to the whole system. Read the following cures:

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At Monson, 15th, a son to EDWARD BATES.
At Belchertown, 7th, a son to A. B. HOWARD.
At Fiskeville, 12th, a son to CHARLES W. ALBMS.
At Enfield, 7th, a son to JOSEPH H. WILSON.

MARRIED.
At Springfield, 14th, CHARLES B. COLTON and M. IDA BLOOMER.

DIED.
At Palmer, 12th, LISETTE M., 15, daughter of R. L. Goddard. Her remains were taken to Fitchburg for interment.
At Palmer, 12th, JOSEPH N. ROYCE, 81; ELLA S. SNOW, 29; EDWARD SHEPHERD, 31.
At Wilbraham, 12th, at the residence of Benjamin Butler, RACHEL, 57, widow of the late Stephen Cross, Jr.
At Belchertown, 9th, PHILIP HODGENY.
At North Brookfield, 10th, HOSEA B. GOODSELL, 69.
At Monson, 15th, MARTHA L., 74, wife of Cyrus W. Holmes.
At Gilbertville, 15th, JOHN MAYLON, 38.
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12th, SARAH HEALD, 80; 14th, POLLY PARKES, 81.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PALMER NATIONAL BANK, at Palmer, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, December 29th, 1876.
RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts, \$71,708 53
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 30,000 00
U. S. Bonds on hand, 2,500 00
U. S. Bonds, bonds and mortgages, 17,225 00
Real estate, furniture, and fixtures, 1,000 00
Current expenses and taxes paid, 724 18
Premiums paid, 5,533 63
Checks on other cash items, 102 43
Bills of other Banks, 3,350 00
Fractional currency (including nickels), 105 15
Specie (including gold and treasury certificates), 101 40
Legal Tender notes, 2,755 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (five per cent. of circulation), 1,350 00
Total, \$140,715 16

LIABILITIES.
Capital stock paid in, \$70,800 00
Surplus fund, 800 00
Undivided profits, 1,911 51
National Bank notes outstanding, 25,500 00
Individual deposits subject to check, 37,237 11
Demand certificates of deposit, 2,238 82
Due to other National Banks, 2,237 72
Total, \$140,715 16

Stats of Massachusetts, County of Hampden ss: I, Leonard Green, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
LEONARD GREEN, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of January, 1877.
FREDK ALLEN, Justice of the Peace.

CORRECT—Attest:
M. W. FRENCH, } Directors.
H. W. WILLIS, }
J. A. SQUIER, }

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Charles Wallace, late of Monson, in the county of Hampden, deceased, and has taken upon himself the trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to
GEO. H. NEWTON, Adm.
Monson, Jan. 15th, 1877. 3w43

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To Joseph K. Makepeace, the Holyoke Savings Bank, and any and all other parties interested in the below described estate:

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage deed bearing date the 23rd day of July, 1876, given by Joseph K. Makepeace of South Hadley Falls to the Ware Savings Bank, of Ware, Mass., and recorded in the Hampden registry of deeds, book 332, page 515, and for a breach of the conditions thereof, in any, the said mortgage, as follows:

The premises, on Friday, February 9th, 1877, at 4 o'clock p. m., all and singular the premises in said mortgage deed described, as follows: "Situate in Holyoke in the county of Hampden, and bounded as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of the lot, on Elm street, on land of Cornelius Haley, and formerly owned by Winkler, thence running westerly at right angles with Elm street on land of said Haley 108 feet to the center of a common alley or passage way, thence running northerly on the center of said alley or passage way 88 feet to the northwest corner of the lot, thence running at right angles with Elm street 108 feet to said Elm street, thence southerly on Elm street to the place of beginning, containing more or less, with the buildings thereon."

The said estate is encumbered by a mortgage to the Holyoke Savings Bank to secure the payment of \$6000 and accrued interest. This sale is made subject to the above-named encumbrance, and unpaid taxes, if any. The said mortgage deed is to be sold at public auction, with the note thereon secured, was assigned to me by assignment from WARREN T. WARNER, Mortgagee.

By OTIS LANE, Atty. 3w43

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Abbie L. Underwood, late of Monson, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and has taken upon himself the trust by giving bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to
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Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, has been presented to said court for Probate by James G. Allen, Public Administrator, who prays that letters of administration, with the will annexed, may be issued to him, the executrix named in said will having deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Springfield, on the first Tuesday of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

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Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said court, this third day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.
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Shoveling Snow.
Alas, the labor of shovel and grade. On all the railroads that ever were made can never begin with the toil some voice of muscles wasted in shoveling snow! What does it come to when all is done? For after the toiler has blistered his palms, strained his shoulders, and lamed his arms, he has cleared with infinite toil and pain, a place for the snow to fall again. Three undertakings beneath the sun are never abandoned and never done—Tuesdays, as many would like to know, are housework, kissing and shoveling snow.

THE MOUND BUILDERS.
Recently a party of scientific explorers made some very interesting discoveries in the vicinity of Milton, Wisconsin. There are in that vicinity a number of mounds belonging to the class which recent archaeological investigation has referred to that mysterious race which inhabited the central portion of North America long before the present aborigines obtained a foothold here. Selecting the largest of these mounds the explorers dug a trench from its outer edge to the center, thirty feet long, five feet wide, and at the center attaining a depth of ten feet. About a foot from the bottom, at the deepest part of the excavation, a layer of ashes and decayed wood was laid bare. A few inches below this was a hard deposit resembling mortar, and beneath was found the remains of four adults and two children. That they belonged to the race of Mound Builders is inferred from the fact that had previously been exhumed, only eighteen inches below the surface, a complete Indian skeleton. The other and vastly more important relics were eight and a half feet lower down. The first of these, the skeleton of a man, lay with his head to the west in a reclining position. At the knees, near each hand, were two ornaments, composed of the teeth of some wild animal, about four inches long, and having holes bored through for the string which attached them to the wrists. Close by it was the skull, but so badly decayed as to prevent removal. A little to the south of the skull were four perfect flint arrow-heads, as clearly cut as if the work had been done by the best modern machinery. Lying around and under the shoulders were twenty-nine beads, manufactured from small shells, and perforated so as to be worn as a necklace. Evidently this was the skeleton of some famous personage, for among the bones of the five others no ornaments whatever were found. The chief's companions were arranged about him to the west, northwest and east. In the jaw-bone of one was a partly developed wisdom tooth, and most of the jaw-bones and teeth were in good preservation.—*St. Louis Republican.*

MODERATE DRINKING.—At a late meeting of the American Medical Association for the cure of inebriates, papers were read in proof of the fact that inebriety is frequently a matter of heredity, the proclivity being of which "is most frequently a habit of moderate drinking in father or grandfather." We commend this testimony to the thoughtful consideration of those moderate drinkers who do not now drink to inebriety, and who oppose total abstinence on the ground that all should have self-control enough to use alcoholic beverages "without abusing them." Even though they may always continue to drink moderately themselves, which is rarely the case, they seem oblivious to the fearful liability of transmitting to their children, or their children's children, diseased and uncontrollable appetites. Alcohol in the human system, even in very moderate quantities, is a poison, and the wise and safe thing for all to do is to abstain from it altogether.

IF MEN COULD FEEL AS WOMEN FEEL.—The days of trial by battle on a grand scale would assuredly be numbered, if statesmen and leaders who declare war, and soldiers who conduct it, were capable of feeling for any length of time the distress of mind, the agony of heart, the torture of soul, which every battle, all over the civilized world, naturally and necessarily brings to women. To them men owe much more than they ever think or concede; and if men were more in the habit of looking through women's eyes, before they imperil women's happiness in military ventures for no good or wise end, they might give themselves such wholesome pause as would turn the almost equally balanced scales on the side of beloved and blessed peace.

CURE FOR STAMMERING.—Before attempting to speak, draw in a long breath, and then close the teeth tightly together. Speak distinctly, allowing the air to pass out slowly, and keeping the teeth closed while talking. The lips and tongue can move sufficiently while the teeth are closed. After two weeks' practice it will be found that it will not be necessary to keep the teeth closed all the time while talking. But it will always be necessary to draw in a good long breath before beginning to speak, and to speak slowly, keeping the lungs well filled with air. Another way is to keep a pebble or pencil in the mouth while speaking, which prevents the tongue from getting between the teeth. The first method, I think, is the better one.

In a thriving town of Michigan, a year or two ago, when the country was full of agents, and almost everybody was agent for something or other, a certain child of that town, being blessed by the advent of a baby brother, was inquisitive as to where the little stranger came from. On being informed that the doctor had brought it, he stood in a brown study for a few moments, and then with the intelligent look of one who had solved a difficult matter, asked, "Say, pa, is he the agent for them?"

A maiden lady said to her little nephew, "Now, Johnny, you go to bed early, and always do so, and you'll be rosy-cheeked and handsome when you grow up." Johnny thought over this a few minutes and then observed, "Well, aunt, you must have set up a good deal when you were young."

A pastor in one of the churches near Boston, in reading the Bible lesson, rendered it as follows, much to the amusement of his audience and his own confusion: "For if ye love them that love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the *Republicans* so?"

The greatest heresy that can deceive the human mind is the heresy that makes a man believe he can meet with mercy while he lives in sin.

"Peter," said a mother to her son, "are you into those sweetmeats again?" "No, ma'am; them sweetmeats is into me."

The man who feels a hair in his throat at the breakfast table and hesitates is not lost, though the hair often is.

The yearly mortality of man, on the average, is one thirty-seventh of the population per year.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PALMER NATIONAL BANK, at Palmer, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, January 20th, 1877.

RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts, \$65,544 86
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 30,000 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages, 18,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents, 12,336 08
Real estate, furniture, and fixtures, 1,700 00
Current expenses and taxes paid, 1,155 33
Premiums paid, 4,923 03
Checks and other cash items, 29 85
Fractional currency (including nickels), 256 29
Specie (including gold treasury certificates), 243 40
Legal tender notes, 4,140 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (five per cent. of circulation), 1,350 00
Total, \$153,230 54

LIABILITIES.
Capital stock paid in, \$75,000 00
Surplus fund, 500 00
Undivided profits, 2,731 47
National Bank notes outstanding, 25,000 00
Individual deposits subject to check, 49,650 31
Demand certificates of deposit, 2,782 78
Total, \$153,230 54

State of Massachusetts, County of Hampshire, ss: I, Leonard Green, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LEONARD GREEN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of January, 1877. S. S. TAFT, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
J. A. SQUIER, M. W. FRENCH, A. H. WILLIS, } Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE MONSON NATIONAL BANK, at Monson, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, January 20th, 1877.

RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts, \$149,567 43
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 170,000 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages, 25,312 20
Due from approved reserve agents, 8,000 00
Due from other National Banks, 40,604 23
Real estate, furniture and fixtures, 2,500 00
Checks and other cash items, 1,800 00
Fractional currency (including nickels), 162 68
Specie (including gold treasury certificates), 200 00
Legal tender notes, 2,988 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation), 7,250 00
Total, \$409,276 07

LIABILITIES.
Capital stock paid in, \$150,000 00
Surplus fund, 30,000 00
Undivided profits, 68,392 94
National Bank notes outstanding, 141,000 00
Dividends unpaid, 1,420 00
Individual deposits subject to check, 15,208 24
Demand certificates of deposit, 58 75
Due to other National Banks, 703 34
Taxes unpaid, 703 34
Total, \$409,276 07

State of Massachusetts, County of Hampshire, ss: I, E. F. MORRIS, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. F. MORRIS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of January, 1877. C. L. PECK, Justice of the Peace.

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As down in the glass they were dropping,
And would not unite,
But continued to fight,
Without any prospect of stopping.
Mr. Pearlash overheard,
And quick as a word
He jumped in the midst of the clashing;
When all three agreed,
And united with speed,
And Soap came out ready for washing.

VILLAGE INFORMALS.
Early in the season—say in November—the owner of a cosy little home sent a note to families embracing thirty or forty of his friends—no more than his double rooms would seat comfortably—stating that he should be “at home” Friday evenings during the winter, from seven to eleven, and should be glad to have them come when they pleased, do as they pleased and go when they pleased. They were requested to come in without ringing, and soon learned to dispose of their wrappings and themselves without troubling any one. The rooms were brightly lighted, well warmed and as much ventilated as your brainless system of house-building would admit of. There were tables for those who wished to play cards, or other games; an open piano and music for the musically inclined; books, magazines and papers strewn about; easy chairs around the fire for story tellers and visitors. No “refreshments” were served, but in one corner was a table with apples and popped corn, or walnuts, raisins and candy—or, on especially cold nights, an urn of coffee and a plate of doughnuts—to which all were invited to help themselves, or others, as they wanted. Husbands, wives, or young people, came alone or together, according to their pleasure; did as they wished, and went, as they came, without more ceremony than a cheery “good-night.” The meetings were called “Informals,” and whether the number in attendance were ten or forty made no difference, for there was no expense or special trouble of preparation. It was proposed to have them rotate; but the objection was held valid that, by so doing, there would always be with some an uncertainty as to the place of meeting; rivalries in “entertainment” would creep in; dressing up would come to be thought essential; and so the characteristic charm of the gatherings be dispelled. They therefore continued as they began, and were efficient in killing off, for those concerned, at least, the old stand-up parties on one side, and preventing a social stagnation on the other.—Home Journal.

SULPHUR FOR SCARLET FEVER.

Dr. Henry Pigeon writes to the London Lancet as follows: The marvelous success which has attended my treatment of scarlet fever by sulphur induces me to let my medical brethren know of my plan, so that they may be able to apply the same remedy without delay. All the cases in which I used it were very well marked, and the epidemics on the arms in each case came away like the skin of a snake. The following was the exact treatment followed in each case: Thoroughly anoint the patient twice daily with sulphur ointment; give five to ten grains of sulphur in a little jam three times a day. Sufficient sulphur was burned, twice daily (on coals on a shovel), to fill the room with the fumes, and of course was thoroughly inhaled by the patient. Under this mode of treatment each case improved immediately, and none were over eight days in making a complete recovery, and I firmly believe in each case it was prevented from spreading by the treatment adopted. One case was in a large school.—Having had a large experience in scarlet fever last year and this, I feel some confidence in my own judgment, and I am of opinion that the very mildest cases I ever saw do not do half so well as bad cases do by the sulphur treatment, and as far as I can judge, sulphur is as near a specific for scarlet fever as possible.

How MONARCHS EAT.—

Queen Victoria is not a great eater, but she likes beef and pastry. The Emperor of Russia is fond of game and drinks plenty of Burgundy and champagne. The Emperor of Germany drinks anything, and likes beef and sweet dishes. Victor Emmanuel has a strong appetite, loves small birds and imbibes Burgundy. The King of the Belgians cannot eat much; larks will do for him, with old Burgundy. The Emperor of Austria is not a serious eater, prefers beef and mutton to poultry, and drinks Hungarian wines and Bordeaux. Alphonse XII of Spain has a brave stomach and eats plenty of poultry, veal and desert, with claret. The King of the Netherlands is a splendid eater. Give him anything and salmon, with good old wine.

“Couldn’t you give me something to do?” asked a poor boy at a Michigan shingle factory, the other day. “No,” said the owner, “we are all full now.” The boy looked sad and was about to go away, when a bright thought seized upon him, and, turning again to the owner, he inquired, “Don’t you need a boy to test shingles on?” But even then the lad could get no position, for the man had a boy of his own.

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Sewing bees, says the Whitehall Times, are nice to make clothes for the heathen out of the characters of those not present.

In Montgomery county, Ia., there is a lady lawyer. She is, or was, married. And the other day a client went to her office and found the door locked, with the following notice pinned upon the outside: “Gone to my husband’s funeral; back in 30 minutes.”

When a country editor, not long in the harness, read in his fashion exchange that “many English ladies wear full suits of chamouis,” he grabbed his dictionary to see if that was the right way to spell “chemise.”

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The Journal.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1877.

The Tennessee Legislature has passed a resolution directing the controller to suspend the payment of interest on the bonds of the State.

The shops are getting ready for St. Valentine's day, which comes next Wednesday. Then geese will choose their mates, lovers will send sweetly scented pictures and flatterers to their sweethearts, while others will plague each other by sending ludicrous and hateful caricatures through the post office. St. Valentine never benefitted humanity much by instituting such a festival.

APPEARANCES indicate a long session of the Legislature, if not considerable crude legislation which may need re-appearing another year. This is the result of too many new members, who must work their way carefully to prevent making mistakes and being led into schemes which they would not honestly approve. Already the second month of the session is well under way, while very little has been accomplished.

PRESIDENT GRANT last Saturday sent a message to Congress on the question of specie resumption, urging that body to authorize the issue of 4 per cent. bonds to run forty years, to be exchanged for legal tender notes, the amount of bonds not to exceed \$150,000,000. The present state of business and commerce is undoubtedly auspicious for such a movement toward hurrying up specie payments, and it is safe to assume that the Democratic and inflation House will do nothing of the kind.

It is beginning to be worth the while to know how milkmen keep their cows and take care of their milk. In England a frightful spread of typhoid fever was traced to the milk distributed by a milkman whose family had the fever. The milk was first brought into the house, where it absorbed the fever, and then distributed to a large neighborhood, where thirty-seven families out of fifty-seven who had the milk took the fever. Cows kept in filthy places are not expected to give healthy milk, and it is proper to suggest that every furnisher of milk should have his premises inspected by a proper officer several times a year.

Gov. WELLS, of the Louisiana Returning Board, has this week been before the House committee that extracted such damaging stories from Littlefield, Pickett and Madox last week, and flatly denies their statements. As to Littlefield's story about burning a portion of the Vernon parish returns by Wells's order, Wells showed that the returns from that parish were opened in the presence of the two visiting committees from the North; that the enclosure contained no such papers as Littlefield swore were burned, and that the minutes taken in the presence of the visiting committee show this. As to the charge that he desired to be paid to do his duty, the old man in a great burst of indignation said, since 1859 he had been a Union man, he had stood up to his principles when rebel soldiers were hunting him down on every hand, that in his old age his history did not warrant anybody in saying that he sought pay for doing his duty, and that the man who said this was an unmitigated liar. The Democrats are not extracting much comfort from his testimony, and so they are taking it by incarcerating him in a damp, unhealthy dungeon, allowing him to see no one except in the presence of an officer, and treating him generally as though he were the worst kind of a felon.

The Great Question.
The Electoral Commission, now sitting at Washington, has made one decision which settles the controversy in regard to Florida and Louisiana, if not of the whole Presidential question. It has decided by a majority of one not to go behind the returns submitted to Congress. The vote on this question was strictly a party one, and of course has created considerable excitement at Washington. The Democrats now rest their hopes on Oregon, which is the frailest limb of all to pin one's faith to. The attempt to cheat the country by the Governor of that State, assisted by Mr. Tilden, was too infamous to be looked upon with any degree of complacency. It was catching at straws to save a drowning cause. The Democrats profess to be disgusted with this decision, and will, of course, resort to every means in their power to throw obstructions in the way till the Commission finishes its work. The question just decided was the great question to be decided, and the Republicans are rejoicing over their victory.

Marine Disasters.—The steamer George Washington, from Halifax, N. S., for St. Johns, N. E., has been lost at sea, portions of the wreck having washed ashore, with several bodies, at Cape Race. There were only two passengers on board, and they are supposed to have perished with the crew of twenty-three. The steamer George Crowell, of the same line, has long been overdue, and is given up as lost. During the month of January the number of vessels bound to or from ports in this country reported lost or missing is 84, of which 42 were wrecked, 17 abandoned, 2 burned, 4 sunk by collision, 2 foundered and 17 are missing, 11 of the latter being from Gloucester. The total value, exclusive of cargoes, is estimated at \$1,320,000. The list includes three steamers, 8 ships, 18 bargues, 8 brigs and 41 schooners. One steamer alone had 38 passengers on board.

It is believed that ten vessels and ninety-eight men belonging to the Gloucester fishing fleet went down in the December gales. The total losses of the past year to that interest amounts to 212 lives, 27 vessels and \$150,000 worth of property. The insurance aggregates \$116,222.

THE LEGISLATURE.

From our own Correspondent.

Boston, Feb. 6.

The committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, having but recently organized, it is fair to presume that the advent of the famous evangelists at the Tabernacle has had a tendency to hasten the event, and awaken the members thereof to a realizing sense of—not only their duties in the premises—but the herculean task which will doubtless devolve upon them, of chartering Mr. Moody's converts into church organizations, and it is feared the importance and extent of this work will tend to prolong the session.

The Tabernacle, like the gentlemen's gallery of the House, is noted for the extreme difficulty one undergoes in endeavoring to effect entrance, and of all the religions there have ever been showered upon a wicked world, since the time Paul and Barnabas were preaching about the streets, that of Moody and Sankey is the most inaccessible. And while this matter may have no special reference to matters legislative—as one would suppose—a close observer can detect in the visages of several individual members some of the unflattering effects of Moody's preaching. There is a sort of awakening sense of an ordinary legislator's weakness in making itself plainly manifest in certain quarters, and while this change may not be preceptible among the several constituencies upon the occasion of the regular Sunday visit home, it will ere long develop itself into first-class revival power, and the legislative Moody's will swarm the State. In the committee rooms discussions upon Moody and Sankey are sandwiched in with the regular business, and the consideration of the great mission which these remarkable men are engaged in, is a very enervating and proper exercise for one's thinking apparatus, there are many and important worldly subjects, which claim and must receive attention from the hands of those specially delegated to investigate them.

Several committees have started a mania—that is they have one or two elephants on their hands. Some years ago the State made an attempt to build a lunatic hospital at Danvers, and has since been expending money constantly for this purpose, until one would suppose accommodations had been provided for not only that portion of the unfortunate class who are judicially determined to be insane, but a big percentage, also, of those who are still at large, and who, somehow or other, manage to carry their lunacy in such a way as to make it more a help than a hindrance in their progress through life. Financially speaking the Danvers hospital bids fair to become a second Hoosac Tunnel, and the hole it will make in the treasury, if the hospital is not erected during the next decade, will probably exceed the small amount paid for the Tunnel. It is a matter for congratulation, however, that this sizable infirmity is not located in Rhode Island, for if that was the case, and the commission should decide to continue the "enlarging" policy, the territory of other States would necessarily be encroached upon, and authority from these States would be required.

Nobody knows—so far as heard from—just how much money it will take to finish this costly structure, and it is yet to be determined how much is to be paid out for what has already been done. There is one important claim now pending, and if that should prove successful a few more of the same sort might be tempted to show themselves. The commission are all men of the highest administrative ability and business capacity, and they may have full and satisfactory explanations, which will cover every point that can be raised against them, and possibly may do so. But a man may make ever so good a lawyer, or manufacturer, or lawyer, and yet be incapable—more or less—of building a proper kind of a madhouse. It requires peculiar talent not only to build a public institution, but to run one, and while there may be many individuals hanging around on the outskirts of political power and influence, and proclaiming from the house-tops their own special fitness for this work, and their possession of the intuitive powers of perception, so as to be able to detect at a glance precisely what is needed, in order to make perfect that which is so imperfect, there are but few men in the world who possess the faculty to deal intelligently and successfully with a public institution—and when they have a fair chance they generally show themselves.

The charitable committee have an "elephant" on their hands and they are pretty certain to have several "happy families" in their collection before the winter is over. The ponderous and troublesome beast which is the many sleepless nights to the members of that committee—and so many trips on their part to the State House—is the present system of State charities. Those who have not the slightest idea of what they are talking about, are loud for reorganization, though just what to do and how to do it—they are as incapable of imparting the requisite information as a Louisiana bull-dozer. The whole thing is a big fiddle with many strings and it is a matter of the sublimest impossibility to make one string chord with another. The committee have not any finer fiddles who can tune up the discordant instrument, and produce a sufficient amount of harmony to make it a success, and we opine that there is no one outside of the fiddle itself who can do it. It is the sheerest nonsense, so it is said, to suppose for a moment that a man who has never heard of the Springfield Republican, and who has been deprived all through life of the healthful and invigorating influences which a constant perusal of that journal inevitably causes, can ever presume to sit in judgment over the Board of State Charities.

Although the committee have not asked us for our opinion—and probably will not—we advise them to turn their best out to pasture during the summer, and allow some of the boys who have been "running with the machine" for a series of years, who have grown up and matured in the system, to solve this riddle for them, if any solution is needed, and not attempt in the brief time which they can devote to the subject, to undertake to do that which should not be done, only after patient study and the most mature deliberation.

Last year the judiciary system needed revision, and practising lawyers were called to the task and given the whole summer for its performance. If the charitable system needs revision, let those attempt it who understand it, and who can make a successful job of it, if anybody can, and who are more likely to than any one else.

Fires.—D. Lamberton's Commercial block in Westfield was destroyed by fire last Saturday night, causing a total loss of about \$17,000, partially insured. The Congregational church and another block had a narrow escape from the flames.—The Pennsylvania railroad engine house at Trenton, N. J., was burned Sunday afternoon, together with eight locomotives. The engines were valued at about \$90,000, and the building at \$4,000.—Mr. Samsbury's barn in South Belchertown was burned Monday morning, with its contents, including two cows. Loss \$15,000.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

Sole leather for sale by the side or piece at Eager's, W. A. Farnsworth & Co. now have their stock in, and store arranged, and prices are lower than ever shown in this vicinity. Call and see.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Valentine day next Wednesday.
The Light Brigade—the runners to the evening trains.

Rev. J. N. Weeks of Marlboro will preach in Union Hall to-morrow, morning and evening.

E. V. B. Holcomb of Chicopee has been reappointed an inspector of the State Primary School.

The dancing hall of the Nassawanno House has been still further improved by the painters.

All the passenger trains on the New London Northern R. R. are now equipped with the air brake.

The Palmer schools had their sleighride Saturday, just in time to improve the "last of the sleighing."

Mrs. Crawford and her pupils gave a pleasant musical soiree at the residence of Mr. H. P. Holden, Tuesday evening.

J. G. Allen has taken his son Fred. into partnership in his insurance business, the firm name being J. G. Allen & Son.

The religious interest in the churches is increasing, as evinced by the increased attendance and earnestness at their meetings.

Carew Johnson, the Bondville merchant, is advertising his full stock at reduced prices for cash, preparatory to removal from the village.

February has been doing the handsome thing by us, and has given us some weather this week which may truly be called "just lovely."

Josiah Gates of Palmer Center owns a cow which has had four calves within a year and five days, and all are "doing as well as could be expected."

The Lyceum next week discuss the subject of a universal language for the world, S. S. Taft and O. P. Allen taking the leading parts in the debate.

F. B. Perkins, the sewing machine man, has associated with himself N. T. Bond, under the firm name of Perkins & Bond. The new firm will add pianos and organs to their stock in trade.

The 2d Cong. church observed Thursday as a day of fasting and prayer, in response to an appeal from the committee who are conducting the Boston revival meetings—and held a well-attended prayer meeting in the afternoon.

It is H. W. instead of S. W. Smith, as stated last week, who has purchased the stock of Seth Smith 2d, and the business will now be conducted under the name of Smith & Co. They propose to sell only for cash, as will be seen by their announcement in another column.

Dr. Wakefield, late Supt. of the State Primary School, is collecting facts which he says will completely refute the charges made by the present superintendent in regard to the condition of the establishment. He says the statements of the inspectors will confirm his story.

The snow has about disappeared from our streets, and runners are being superseded by wheels. But we have had a long "spell" of sleighing, and people can't complain on that score. The snow has melted slowly and been absorbed by the earth, starting springs which had about run dry.

Rev. Richard Eddy missed the train in Boston on Monday and consequently did not reach to deliver his proposed temperance lecture, but in season to install these officers for the Good Templars: W. C. T., E. G. Wood; W. V. T., Mrs. Mary Leach; W. S., T. Hutchinson; W. T., A. B. Root; W. M., J. M. Knox.

It took one of the town fathers and a crowd of 20 or 30 men an hour—or less—to find the sewer gate south of the Nassawanno House last Saturday. It was covered by the snow and ice, but each one in the crowd knew just where it was located. The ice was properly broken up around there, nevertheless, before it was found, and then it was just in the spot nobody had mentioned.

St. Paul's parish are to hold a meeting in Union Hall next Monday, at 8 P. M., to consider and take action upon the settlement of a pastor. On Tuesday evening of their holding services in Union Hall, the exercises to celebrate the first anniversary of their holding services in Union Hall, from 6 to 7 o'clock, followed by devotional exercises, music, addresses by Rev. C. H. Eaton and other friends of the parish, in Wales Hall.

The stockholders of the Boston & Albany railroad will enjoy their annual free ride to Boston next Wednesday, to attend the annual meeting (?) of their spring trading and hear Moody and Sankey. But they'll have to go and return the same day this year, as the railroad company will only pass them on their certificates on the day of the meeting. This will spoil the fun of many who have been in the habit of making a three or four days' trip out of it heretofore.

William Fisher, of Waukegan, Ill., formerly a resident of Palmer, in the Ferris district, having read Josh Billings' story about churning, in the JOURNAL, sent some results of his experience, with the old-style dash churn. He says at one churning he counted four thousand strokes of the dasher before the butter came, at another time it took thirty-five hundred strokes, and still at another time he made ninety-five hundred before the cream became butter.

The State board of agriculture at its session this week decided not to abolish the present system of bounties, and to set aside 8 per cent. of them to be offered for essays and reports. It also fixed the dates for the county fairs next fall. The Eastern Hampden exhibition will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 26-27, with Edmund Barrett as delegate. Dr. H. P. Wakefield is appointed delegate to the Worcester North exhibition at Fitchburg, Sept. 26.

Hon. A. B. Meacham, ex-superintendent of Indian affairs, ex-president of the Indian Peace Commission, etc., will lecture in the Cong. church to-morrow afternoon, and also on Monday evening, on the religion of the Red Man, and the tragedy of the lava beds, respectively. It will be remembered that Col. Meacham was left for dead when Gen. Canby was killed by Capt. Jack, in the lava beds in 1873, but survived to tell the fearful story, and defend the peace policy. He gives the other side, or the Indian's side of the Modoc war. The lectures are free to all.

Mr. John Murray, the well-known actor, supported by Miss Grace Cardant, a talented young actress, and a full company, played "Rip Van Winkle" at Wales Hall last Friday evening, and this evening will play "Moll Flanders" at the same place. The company also gave a matinee this afternoon for ladies and children, with reduced prices of admission.

the play being "Fanchon, the Cricket." The company have just concluded a three nights' engagement in Springfield, and are highly spoken of by the Springfield papers. Murray excels as "Rip," and as "Jotham Hooper" in Moll Pitcher, and he will doubtless draw full houses, as he deserves. See their advertisement.

The District Court, on the 3d inst., gave Alexis Wade a month in the H. O. C., for drunkenness, it being his second offence; Patrick Ryan was up the same day on a charge of drunkenness, which he settled by payment of \$3 and costs, and was thereon discharged. But the lesson thus inculcated by the court was not heeded, for on the 7th Pat was up again for a second offense, of the same character, and on being adjudged guilty, was given a retirement of three months in H. O. C., hoping this treatment might have a more lasting effect upon the wayward son of Erin.

Vinette Whipple's house and barn on the Ware road, about a mile north of Thorndike, were burned last Saturday evening between 7 and 8 o'clock by what is supposed to have been an incendiary fire. The flames were first discovered in the barn, and spread rapidly to the house, which was connected with the barn. Much of the furniture was saved. There were about 14 tons of hay, 60 bushels of potatoes, and a quantity of corn, etc., in the barn. There was an insurance of \$1500 on the buildings and \$800 on the personal property. Mr. Whipple was peddling milk in Thorndike at the time of the fire, and saw the light, but did not think it was in the right direction for his house.

At the February session of the probate court, held in Springfield on Tuesday, administrations were granted on the estates of: Abigail Hall of Monson, Geo. H. Newton administrator; Asenath Jenks of Ludlow, C. L. Buell administrator. Wills proved—Perry Goodell of Wilbraham, Alfred and Charles Goodell executors; Lyman Phelps of Wilbraham, Celestina Phelps executor; Keyes Foster of Palmer, Harriet Lawrence executrix; Enoch Marshall of Palmer, J. G. Allen executor; Alice J. Hall of Monson, Geo. H. Newton executor. Guardians appointed—Enos Calkins of Palmer over Ida Jenks, Amelia D. Calkins, Johnnie and Isabel J. Weeks; George Clark of Wilbraham over Mary F. Brewer, insane. Inventories filed on the estates of—Edwin N. Montague of Monson, real \$300, personal \$395; Charles Wallace of Monson, real \$250; Abbie L. Underwood of Monson, personal \$1000; Abigail Hall of Monson, real \$225.

D. Erskine Barrett, formerly of Belchertown but for the last three years and eight months employed as superintendent of a ward in the Northampton Lunatic Asylum, was on Sunday found dead in the water closet of the ward of which he had charge. His face was bruised as if by blows and there was a knife wound on the neck which severed the large vessels of the left side. The knife with which the wound was made was his own and was lying beside him on the floor, and while it is clear that the deed was committed by a patient, there is no absolute proof definitely pointing out the perpetrator. Twenty of the worst patients in the building were confined in Mr. Barrett's ward, and it is supposed that he was making a bed or superintending a patient in the task when he was attacked and rendered insensible by blows, and then dragged to the water closet across the hall where his throat was cut, and he was left until found about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, his absence not having been noticed until the dinner hour. Blood was found on three of the patients, and one of them seemed to have tried to clean his coat, and another said he had laid the nose-bled, but all denied any knowledge of the deed, and the character of the patients in that ward is such as to preclude any moral responsibility for the crime. Assaults upon keepers in such institutions are not at all uncommon, and Mr. Barrett had been attacked several times before, but had always succeeded in managing the assailant before. One of the suspected patients is a powerful man, well able to have committed the deed alone. Mr. Barrett was the institution, one of the best attendants in the institution, and bore a high character, being universally esteemed of all who knew him. He was born in Three Rivers, and was the youngest of six children, Mrs. Geo. Shumway of this village being one of his sisters. His father, Butler Barrett, is still living in Belchertown, over 80 years of age. His funeral occurred at the Baptist church in this village Wednesday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Packard, pastor of the Methodist church at Northampton, of which Mr. Barrett was a worthy member, assisted by Revs. O. W. Adams, W. R. Tisdale and E. A. Goddard. A delegation of officers were present from the Lunatic Asylum and acted as pall bearers.

LUDLOW.
The Sovereigns had a mock trial Wednesday evening.
George C. Daggett was the recipient of a surprise party of 30 of his friends last week Thursday evening.

MONSON.
Messrs. Kencerson and Hall of Palmer, have just erected a new dwelling house easterly of Lyon's village.

There has been considerable sickness during the past month, seven persons having died within three weeks.
The straw shop and all the woolen mills are running on full time.

No late developments in regard to mad dogs, although it is considered best to keep the canines muzzled.

Thursday was observed as a day of fasting and prayer, in accordance with Mr. Moody's suggestion, and services were held in the Cong. church morning and afternoon.

BRIMFIELD.
Rev. Mr. Reade of Thorndike has been holding a series of extra meetings in the Cong. church, and quite a number of conversions are reported, including many students.

The Lyceum has chosen the following officers for the present month: Pres., Chas. I. Burleigh; vice pres., Frank W. Perry; Sec'y and treasurer, Miss Carrie E. Doane; Lull, Geo. W. Brainerd; Minutes Eva F. Moulton and Ella R. Savage.

The school had its annual sleighride Tuesday, being represented by 12 or 13 couples, at the Hampshire House in Ware. A good supper was furnished, and a pleasant evening passed in dancing and other amusements, many townspeople being present, adding much to the enjoyment of the evening.

WARREN.
Geo. W. Foster has sold his billiard saloon to H. J. Nicholls.

The present board of selectmen will, it is reported, decline a re-election.

The young people of the place gave a ball at Brigham's hall Thursday evening.

Since the departure of Mr. Aldrich there have been no services in the Universalist church, but they will be resumed in the Spring.

Dea. S. P. Robbins and wife were surprised by about 100 of their friends Monday evening, who came to help them celebrate their fiftieth marriage anniversary. The Congregational choir, of which Dea. Robbins is leader, presented him with an elegant easy chair, and his wife received a similar present from her family friends, while the business men of the place presented a silver fruit dish.

ENFIELD.
The Minot company are putting in new machinery to take the place of the set burned in their stone mill, and will start up again before long.

The owners of the buildings recently burned are talking of building a large block to cover the whole ground burned over.
Merrick Sly, who was convicted of polygamy by the superior court, because he had procured a divorce in Utah from his wife Sarah, and then married another woman, has forfeited his bail, and departed for regions unknown.

A young fellow named Myron Gibbs assaulted Thomas McLatchy with an ax the other day, hitting him on the shoulder, and then attempted to cut his throat. The assault was made at the house of a woman who is said to be the paramour of both men, and was inspired by jealousy. Gibbs was arrested and sent to jail at Northampton in default of \$800 bonds, to await the action of the grand jury in June.

WILBRAHAM.

Mrs. Perrin has been chosen a life member of the woman's missionary society.

The Young People's Literary society are to give their next exhibition next week.

Athena open society was a fine success. The bulletin, done by Prof. Lamb in pen and ink, sold for \$49, and photographs of the same to the amount of \$25, and more are wanted.

The question, Resolved: "That it would have been better to have bought the slaves at their owner's price, than to have had the late war" was decided in the negative both as to weight of argument and merits of question.
J. B. Crane's house, formerly owned by Miss Lucinda Moody, and occupied by two families and several student lodgers, was burned last Friday night, most of the contents being saved. A man was seen around the place a short time before the fire, and it is supposed he set it. This makes the ninth incendiary fire within the past four years, and the citizens are aching to get their hands on the guilty person. Henry Gray is already in prison for firing buildings, but some one else is evidently engaged in the same business. This house was one of the old landmarks of the place, being over 100 years old. The night was favorable, there being no wind; otherwise Mr. French's house and the hotel would have been burned too, probably.

WEST WARREN.

In response to the call of Mr. Moody, the Congregationalists held services Thursday afternoon and evening, Rev. Mr. Fullerton of North Brookfield conducting the meetings.

Sixteen persons were baptized Sunday afternoon, in Crossman's hall, by Rev. J. S. Barrows. The late revival is equal to, if it does not surpass, anything of the kind this village ever experienced.

Eleven couples went to Holland Thursday last week, where Ma'am Kinney provided an excellent supper. Most of the party arrived home early Friday morning, but some did not appear until Friday evening.

A. W. Crossman & Son, tool manufacturers, have lately received inquiries from England, Germany, Brazil and Cuba, regarding their goods, prices, etc., thus realizing the benefits of their exhibit at the Centennial. Their dam has exhibited signs of weakness during the late thaw, but spiles have been driven and it will doubtless stand all pressure brought to bear upon it.

Rev. J. S. Barrows closed the lecture course Tuesday evening, giving "Employment." The Methodist society have realized about \$50 from these lectures, besides furnishing the citizens with three evenings of entertainment of a high order of merit.

Rev. A. H. Sommes, a former pastor of the Cong. church, has been recalled at an advanced salary, and will shortly assume his duties here. Rev. A. C. Swain, the late pastor, has been called and will immediately remove to Hardwick. Rev. Mr. Tomble of West Brookfield and Rev. Mr. Fullerton of North Brookfield have been supplying the pulpit of late.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

Judge Wells of the police court of Springfield held a fire inquest in the Cong. vestry in the center village of Wilbraham on Thursday, occasioned by the recent burning of the old Brown dwelling house in that village, supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

A. O. Thresher ordered a keg of molasses from a store in this village, and on receiving it found it to be kerosene oil. The merchant proposed to take back the oil and fill the keg with molasses, but Thresher concluded not to accept the proposition and left the keg and contents. The merchant then thought he would cleanse the keg, by introducing hot steam from the steam pipes in the factory, but the pipe filled the bung-hole so tightly that as soon as the keg was filled with steam it burst into kindling wood, much to the amusement of the observers.

Alanson Bugbee and Abigail Spellman Bugbee, who formerly resided in this village, celebrated their golden wedding at their home in Tolland, Ct., last week Friday. They were married in West Stafford, by Rev. Joseph Knight. Only three who were present at the time joined in celebrating their golden wedding. They have raised eleven children; two sons were killed in the war and their remains are now buried in the South. Most of the surviving children were present, and not a few of the third generation. Friends and connections were also present from Hartford, Old Saybrook, Willington, Stafford, Springfield, Wilbraham, and other places.

Mr. Bugbee has seen some 72 winters and is quite decrepit; Mrs. Bugbee is some four years his junior, and would readily pass for sixty years. The gathering was quite large, and a right good time was had, and when the guests departed they did not forget to leave a handsome sum of money behind them.

WARE AND VICINITY.

All the village primary and one or two district schools close this week.

The G. A. R. gave their second annual ball at Music Hall last (Friday) evening. The proceeds will be added to the charity fund.

At the last regular meeting of the Reform club D. M. Wheldon was chosen president.

The club has been without a president since Mr. Lyon left.

James W. Brakenridge, Geo. D. Utley and Samuel D. Gibbs are drawn to serve on the jury at the civil term of court, commencing at Northampton, Feb. 19th.

H. W. Reed, having bought out Medcalf, his partner, has sold the undertaking business back to L. Hilton, the former owner, who will continue the same as before.

The Unitarian Social Club will play "Temptation, or the Irish Emigrant," and "Out in the Streets," in the Town Hall, West Brookfield, next Thursday evening. After the entertainment there will be a social dance.

A score or more ladies clad in sheets and pillow cases made a surprise visit to Miss Charlotte Lamb, on Bank street, Wednesday evening, and whiled away the hours till near midnight with games and other amusements, including refreshments.

A drummer who visited Ware this week received in Springfield just before coming here the following telegram: "Loan Mrs. Raines two twenty-five to buy." After deciphering

the dispatch which the operator had put in cipher it read: "Loose muscatel raisins two twenty-five to buy."

A sleighride party of twelve couples from the Hitecock school in Brimfield visited Ware Tuesday, and were kindly entertained by R. Snow, of the Hampshire House. By the way, "they say" that the above named house is a grand good place to go for a good supper and pleasant time.

P. H. Sagendorph has for sale a new kind of clock which has but just been imported from Germany. The clock machinery is about as large as a good-sized watch, and the cases are of glass or some similar composition, the whole clock being very small, comparatively, and a handsome ornament for any mantel.

The Otis company have made a temporary arrangement whereby a portion of their machinery in each mill will run evenings till nine o'clock, and shut down a few hours in the afternoon. This is done in order to run full time and give the operatives employment, and is occasioned by the large body of ice on the ponds which lessens the holding capacity of them to such an extent that the mills cannot run full time continuously, but by running a part of the day and stopping a few hours to let the ponds fill, then running again in the evening, a full day's time may be made.

MOODY AND SANKEY are undoubtedly doing a deal of good in the way of converting a sinful world, but their services are quite emotional, producing bad results in some cases. A few weeks ago a young man who had been attending the revival services at Chicago shot himself at his boarding-house while singing "Sweet By and By." A commercial traveler who had listened to Mr. Moody's sermons in the same city left his room in an Evansville, Ind., hotel one evening last week, walked down stairs without so much as a collar to protect him from the cold, and informed the clerk that he was going out doors to do penance for his sins. Religious excitement had crazed his brain. A week ago Saturday night a young man who had lost his reason through the same cause made a desperate attempt to wreck a train on the Erie railway. After forcing open the switch and obstructing the track near the bridge, he seated himself on a freight car and waited for another Astabula horror, which happily did not come to pass. When he was arrested he remarked that he had been reading about Mr. Bliss's death, and was "anxious to see a big accident." A common cause of mental derangement is religious excitement, and unbalanced minds are not unfrequently wrecked by attending revival meetings. For this reason some of the clergy do not approve of the Moody and Sankey meetings, though most of the evangelical ministry endorse them, and they unquestionably do more good than evil.

DEFALCATIONS.—Richard T. Taylor, cashier of the First National Bank of Franklin, Ind., has absconded, and it is found that he was a defaulter to the amount of \$100,000 or more. The bank has closed.—The First National Bank at Montrose, Pa., loses \$90,000 by its cashier, Nathan Leubnick, a young man who has been considered of spotless integrity. The discovery came about by his arrest in New York for forging a \$10,000 note.

James Flood, a drunken New York Irishman, found his unfaithful wife in another man's sleeping room last Sunday morning, and pursuing her across the street, he killed her with an iron reamer and then escaped, but came into a police station Tuesday night and gave himself up, confessing and regretting the act, and saying he did not know what he was about.

Newport, R. I., has a family which are constantly quarreling, and one of the incentives to their feuds is the question of the possession of the body of the father, which has, in consequence, been moved back and forth between two graves in a cemetery in the city several times during the last year.

A Holyoke Scotchman named Matthew McGuiger stabbed Mitchell McCusker, an old friend, in the breast, Monday morning, because he suspected him of undue intimacy with his wife. McGuiger was arrested, and McCusker will probably recover.

A woman presented a bank book at the Springfield Institution for Savings the other day which had not been seen by the bank officials since the original deposit was made 32 years ago. The deposit was \$300, and the interest alone amounted to \$1649.

J. W. Dickinson of Westfield, Secretary-elect of the State Board of Education, has served longer as Principal of a State Normal School than any other man in the country, and during his principalship of twenty-one years he has graduated 870 pupils.

The banking firm of Buck & Hunting of Sag Harbor, Long Island, N. Y., is bankrupt; liabilities \$500,000. They held the savings of all the industries in the place, and much suffering will be the result of their failure.

The trial of Charles Wood, the tramp who murdered Mrs. Hazard at Otis last September, began at Pittsfield Tuesday, and on Wednesday he was convicted of murder in the second degree, and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

A Springfield woman went to a watchmaker and asked to have the regulator of her watch set to make it run faster, as she was going to Boston, where she understood time was faster than in Springfield.

While Horace Gage of Westmore, Vt., was driving his horse the other day, the horse over-reached and cut his forward hoof completely off. The horse had to be killed at once.

The directors of the Boston Art Museum have unanimously voted to open their rooms free to the public on Sunday afternoons, from March 1 to November 1.

The asylum for worn-out railroad employes, provided for in Commodore Vanderbilt's will, is to be erected on his farm at Low Point, about twelve miles below Poughkeepsie.

"Buzzards' Bay is well filled with seals, which play upon the ice and are easily approached and shot."

"Loose muscatel raisins two twenty-five to buy."

ODDS AND ENDS.

Hot water cures felons.
The total population of Paris is 1,986,748 persons.

Now they say of a man who is a fraud, "O, he's gimp."
Boston's 19 piano firms turn out 8000 pianos a year.

Daniel Boone was a good shot, but he used to spell people "pepel."
The average Russian lives on black bread and garlic, and is very strong.

The Georgia Legislature has six members under 26 years of age.
Capt. Glazier rode horseback from Boston to San Francisco in 144 days.

There are 30,205 miles of railway in operation in the entire British empire.

The annual report of the Bank of Italy shows that the Pope has \$32,000,000 in that institution. Poor man!

Mr. Patterson of Rochester has stopped 67 runaway horses during the last seventeen years.

The Indians in the Northwest are represented to be in a deplorable condition for lack of food and clothing.

Boston has an area of 34½ square miles, has 364 miles of streets, and its population is 342,000.

Nearly 3000 additions to the Chicago Evangelical churches have resulted from Moody's late work in that city.

At her recent Moscow benefit Patti received 300 bouquets, sprinkled with \$50,000 worth of diamonds.

The Rothschilds are said to be worth—all of them together—the aggregate sum of \$3,400,000,000.

William Rand of Fayetteville imprisoned a potato bug in a glass case last fall, which was recently found to have laid 2300 eggs.

A Nebraska man weighs 480 pounds, his wife 350, one of his seven children 200, a girl of 6 years 100, and the rest in proportion.

The dial for the new clock on the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, is forty feet in diameter. The length of the minute hand is nineteen feet.

In Montana the winter is nine months long, and it is there that churches are built from the proceeds of public dances.

An aged Philadelphian is so devout that he often drops on his knees in the street and loudly prays for those whose sinfulness he witnesses.

Mr. Faneher has invented a machine for driving horses by electricity. A child, by this means, can drive and curb the most ferocious animal.

Mr. Moody, say the Boston journalists, bears a remarkable resemblance to President Grant.

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe has been refused entertainment at a Minnesota hotel because she is a female lecturer.

Mr. Josiah Quincy is trying to start building and loan organizations in Massachusetts like those in Philadelphia.

Rain, formerly very rare in Lower Egypt, has become frequent in Alexandria and Cairo, in consequence of the extensive planting of the mulberry in that vicinity.

Fifty thousand Russian Mennonites have determined to immigrate to the United States. They have the alternative of taking up arms or leaving the Empire, and prefer to cross the sea. Fourteen thousand of them will settle in Kansas early in the Spring.

There were 2442 miles of new railroads built in this country last year, of which 388 miles were in Texas, 350 in California, 270 in Ohio, and 155 in Colorado, and there are now 76,640 miles of regular-gauge roads in the country. Five hundred and thirty-seven miles of narrow-gauge roads were also built in 1876.

A Mystic man reports that his ground a few inches below the frost is filled with potato bugs, that look fat and healthy as he takes them to the surface.

Chief Justice Waite is said to have the largest head in Ohio—or at least had when he lived there. He wears a hat which is simply enormous.

Now is the time to get a suit of clothes made to order, cheap. S. C. Ray, 417 Main St., Springfield, has the Spring fashions.

Our readers may be sure that when W. P. Marsh & Co., the popular shoe dealers, at 438 Main St., Springfield, mark down their goods they mean it. They are selling Gent's Boots \$1 to \$1.50 less (and other goods at same rates) than they were a week ago.

Dealers and consumers who would like to purchase produce, poultry, butter, cheese, eggs, or baked fruit in the quantity, should be sure to call at D. W. Palmer & Co's, 5 Hillman St., Springfield, where they will find a new wholesale and retail house, and prices are said to be lower than at any other place in the city.

Facts are stubborn things, and Bright's Disease, Dropsy, Kidney, Bladder and Glandular Complaints, Gravel, Diabetes, Mental and Physical Debility, are stubborn facts, but HUNT'S REMEDY quickly cures them. HUNT'S REMEDY never fails to afford comfort and relief.

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PUBLIC OPINION.—The assurance of the certainty of a thing is always established by public opinion. The truth of this may be seen in the rapidly increasing reputation of Dr. A. J. Flagg's Cough and Lung Syrup, as a sure remedy for all diseases pertaining to the Throat and Lungs. In the town of Claremont, N. H., where it is located, Dr. Flagg's Manufacture, there has been sold within the last fifteen months, 1400 bottles of this invaluable Syrup. Sold by all Druggists.

The lovers of Fine Art in Springfield have been enjoying the paintings which were exhibited at Mr. Gill's Art Gallery, by Col. James Fairman of Paris, an artist of foreign reputation, who had eleven pictures, crown size, which were ordered some time ago and are now on their way to the owners in different parts of the country. He will be here again in about a year to exhibit some pictures which he has been commissioned to paint, one of which is for Mr. Gill's parlor, and will cost \$1200. The subject will be, Sunset on the Beach of Jaffa. During Mr. Fairman's sojourn here he lectured to a very large and appreciative audience, on the Voice of Fine Art to the Masses, and which received high commendation from the press.

Join the procession! If you have a cough or a cold, join the crowds that are hurrying to the drug stores for "Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar." It is agreeable, quick to cure, and absolutely infallible. Sold by all druggists.

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BORN.

At North Amherst, 29th ult., a daughter to CHARLES DICKENSON; 30th ult., a son to GEORGE W. NEWELL.

MARRIED.

At Ware, 7th, by Rev. Dr. Perkins, SEXTON G. DOUGLASS of Worcester and CARIE A. CONY.

At Ware, 27th ult., by Rev. Charles Boucher, LOUIS ROBERT and DELPHINE M. LAPIERRE; by the same, ADOLPH BRUNELLE and DELINA MESSIER.

At Chicopee Falls, 1st, OTIS E. CLARK of Springfield and Mrs. IDA E. KNOX.

DIED.

At Palmer Center, 25th ult., REBECCA GATES, 87.

At Springfield, 4th, ARAMIAH, 34, wife of George Sibley; 5th, LYMAN FAIRBANKS, 81; 6th, JOSEPH WHITCOMB, 60; LANSEFORD WHITE, 76.

At Ware, 20th ult., MARTHA, 13 months, only child of Wm. N. Bartlett of Lowell, formerly of Ware.

At Monson, 24, PAMELA GRAVES, 82; 6th, LUCY M. WHITING, 35; 7th, MARYANA BATES, 37.

At Northampton, 4th, D. ERSKINE BARRETT, 30.

At Brimfield, 26th ult., ABRAHAM STONE, 78.

At Monson, 4th, RODOLPHUS HOMER, 68.

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Monson, Mass., Feb. 10th, 1877.

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The Journal.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1877.

The Maine legislature, which met the same day as the Massachusetts body, has already adjourned and gone home.

A BILL which substantially meets the recommendations of President Grant in his recent message on specie payments has been drafted, and it is reported that after the Presidential trouble is settled it will stand a good chance of passing the House; but this is almost too good to be true.

ACCORDING to the Democratic theory, when a man is once in office it is next to impossible for him to get out of it—judging from their talk about some of the Presidential Electors who had held other offices and resigned. When a Democrat gets into office he never wants to get out, a truth which explains their earnestness on this point.

A YOUNG man and woman who passed Sunday night on a smack in the harbor at Southold, Long Island, were drowned when going ashore the next morning by the capsizing of the boat. This is a terrible warning to young men and women against over-indulgence in snacks, and vividly illustrates the special danger arising from an all-night smack.

GLASS lamp chimneys that won't break, and which may be used in driving nails, etc., are now being made in Brooklyn. All good housewives will find lamps made from this glass very desirable, for they can be hurled at the head of a recalcitrant husband and lord without fear of breakage and consequent expense, while they will give him "more light" on a disputed point than any other form of argument that can be used. We expect to see a great demand spring up for them.

GOVERNOR PACKARD of Louisiana came near being the victim of an assassination Thursday. A man named Weldon managed to get into his private office and attempted to blow out his brains, but the Governor knocked down the weapon and the ball made a painful wound in the knee. A by-stander at once shot Weldon, though not fatally, and he and a companion were arrested. Weldon probably thought this would be a nice way of getting rid of the Republican State Government, but it didn't quite succeed.

THE Presidential Commission and Congress have disposed of Florida, which is counted in for Hayes and Wheeler. The House refused to concur, but the Senate endorsed the action of the Commission, which is sufficient. Louisiana is now under consideration, the arguments on both sides having been made. We shall get the decision on Louisiana soon, and then will come Oregon, the last of the disputed States. The Democrats claim to have strong faith that they will win, while the Republicans are equally hopeful.

HARTFORD people have been greatly excited during the past week over the discovery that President J. C. Tracy and Cashier J. L. Chapman of the Farmers and Mechanics' National Bank have been guilty of a great breach of trust by which the bank loses some \$800,000. Just how much they have profited by their transactions is not yet known, much of the loss being in poor loans to their friends, which they covered up by falsifying their accounts. The bank will continue business, as it had a large capital and a surplus of nearly \$400,000.

FROM the report of the Savings Bank Commissioners of this State it appears that our savings banks feel the hard times somewhat, the deposits for the year ending last October being more than \$10,000,000 less than the previous year, while the amount drawn out exceeded the amount deposited by two and one-half millions, and showed an increase upon the previous year of over five millions. There were on the 31st of October 739,289 accounts, with an average of \$929.15 to each, and the aggregate of deposits was \$243,840,642.75.

THREE of the seven men engaged in the robbery of the Northampton National Bank January 26, 1876, have been arrested this week, two of them at Philadelphia on Tuesday, and the other one, a notorious cracksmen, Billy Connors, at New York on Wednesday. It will be remembered that the robbers carried off \$700,000 of funds more or less, and that no trace of them was ever discovered, so far as was known to the public. But the detectives seem to be confident that they have the right men, and we may now perhaps learn something of the inside history of the affair.

THE steamer Bavaria, from New Orleans for Liverpool, with a cargo of 4325 bales of cotton and 1000 barrels of raisins, was burned at sea Feb. 6. The passengers and crew escaped in the boats and were picked up by a passing vessel, but lost everything excepting the clothes they had on. The vessel and cargo were valued at \$500,000.

MASSACHUSETTS lost \$5,481,400 by fires last year, New York \$14,000,000, Pennsylvania \$3,871,700, and Illinois \$3,083,100, while the total loss in the United States was \$64,630,600, with insurance of \$34,374,900. In Canada the loss was \$9,145,200 and the insurance \$8,887,600.

ILLINOIS, Michigan and Wisconsin are suffering from an epidemic of scarlet fever this winter, more dying from this disease in Chicago than from all other causes combined, while smaller places are suffering in proportion.

THE three unidentified bodies of the Ashtabula victims, which have been kept in the hope that they would be identified, were buried last week.

The Latest Panacea.

It has been said that "every dog has his day," and this is as true in medical matters, perhaps, as in any other. A new remedy for some or all diseases is brought to the public notice, and in a short time it is to be found in nearly every house in the land, while its praises and marvellous cures are sung from ocean to ocean. But as a general thing its reputation is short-lived, and it soon gives way to a fresher aspirant after public favor.

The latest specific for all the ills to which human flesh is heir, is blue glass. Gen. Pleasanton, an elder brother of the cavalry officer of that name, has published a popular treatise on the subject, and, like all enthusiasts, he makes the most sweeping claims as to the curative properties of this glass. His theory may be briefly stated as follows:

Sunlight passes directly through colorless glass, with slight obstruction, and produces no heat, the glass remaining as cold as the outside atmosphere. When the light falls upon blue panes of glass six of the seven primary rays are arrested and only the blue ray passes through. The sudden stoppage of these rays of light, moving with enormous velocity, produces friction which evolves negative electricity. The blue glass is oppositely electrified. When the opposite electricity, thus brought together, meet at the surface of the glass they combine and evolve heat and magnetism. The heat expands the molecules of the glass and a current of electro-magnetism passes into the room, imparting vitality and strength to any animal or vegetable life within it.

He illustrates and enforces his ideas with numerous examples and numberless cures.—The glass used is a French glass of dark mazarine blue, and the usual method of treatment is by exposing the patient or the diseased part directly to the sunlight passing through a sash made of alternate panes of this and of ordinary colorless glass, the bath to last half an hour or so and to be continued for several successive days. This treatment is considered especially efficacious in all nervous and spinal diseases, and among the wonderful cures cited is that of a Philadelphia lady, cured of neuralgia by a ten minutes' exposure; two rheumatic gentlemen cured in three days; a girl cured of spinal meningitis; a young lady, made entirely bald by sickness, whose hair came out luxuriantly under blue glass; and many other cures so astonishing as naturally to excite ridicule in some quarters.

It is well known that sun baths are very beneficial, and that they have wrought many wonderful cures, and the question suggests itself whether the cures ascribed to the blue glass would not have followed an ordinary sun bath if the patient had exercised equal faith. But the blue glass will certainly do no harm, and may do much good to any who are disposed to try its effects—and in doing so they may at least have the satisfaction of knowing they are helping the glass dealers, who are making a nice profit from their suddenly augmented sales of this glass.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

LYMAN E. Hunter, a weak minded laborer living in Sunderland, entered the house of Mrs. Lucy Dickinson, an old lady of over 80, the other day, and forcing her into the bedroom violated her person. He was arrested, and will be tried at the March court.

A few days ago John Alexander, of Lafontaine, Ind., while laboring under a fit of insanity, murdered his sister-in-law by cutting her throat, and nearly cut off his mother's hand, after which he threw her into a large fire place, where she was terribly burned.

A Pelham farmer named Henry Barrows, 37 years old, hung himself in a barn early last Saturday morning. He has had moody turns for a long time, and was undoubtedly insane. His father committed suicide by throwing himself into a well, 17 years ago.

Two colored men, Charles H. Simpson and Martin Henry, were hanged at Port Tobacco, Mo., last Friday, for murdering a man last summer, about 4000 persons witnessing the execution.

A deputy marshal named Hughes was shot dead near Independence, Kan., Saturday, while serving a warrant on two desperadoes named Green and Miller.

The night train north from Belknap Falls, Vt., over the Central Vermont road, ran off the track on Sullivan bridge early Saturday morning, a passenger car breaking nearly through the bridge. No one injured, but cars and bridge a good deal damaged.

Four men were killed Saturday by the explosion of a saw mill boiler nine miles from Noblesville, Ind., and three others slightly injured.

Andrew Bacon, an engineer, was run over by an engine at Westchester station, Colchester, Conn., Sunday morning, and died that night. In attempting to jump on to the engine of a passing train he slipped so that the tender wheels passed over his left leg and right foot.

William Green was hanged at Pittsburg, Pa., Monday, for the murder of his half brother.

A former member of Congress, James S. Johnson of Ky., committed suicide at Evansville, Ind., Monday, in a fit of mental depression caused by ill health.

Edward Lucas, a drug clerk, was found lying insensible on the Boston road in Springfield Tuesday evening, and he died soon after, from an overdose of chloral hydrate he had taken in the afternoon to counteract the effects of liquor. He was about 31 years old.

A sleeping car on the Troy and Boston Railway was telescoped near Hoosac Junction Tuesday morning by a locomotive "running wild," killing one man and wounding several others.

Three oyster pungies and a schooner were capsized in a sudden storm off Cinfield, Md., a few days since, and the crews, numbering 30 men, were all drowned.

The Government is after the illicit distillers. Thirty-three distilleries in Georgia have been captured and 84 arrests made; Lieut. McIntyre has been killed and several distillers.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

Leather is higher, boots & shoes are not at Eager's. W. A. Farnsworth & Co. have their stock in and store arranged, and prices are lower than ever before shown in this vicinity. Call and see.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Only about a month to town meeting. To-morrow will be the first Sunday in Lent. On the outside find a readable letter about folks and things in Springfield.

Prof. W. R. Shipman, of Tufts college, will preach for St. Paul's parish to-morrow.

A new literary society among the young people is soon to spring into life and action.

Geo. Robinson's new sign—a padlock—is up at last in front of his Central street store.

A bright light in the west Thursday evening betokened a fire in the direction of Wilbraham.

The first regular grocery store in this town was opened in Thorndike in 1850, by Seth W. Smith of this village.

A large number of Boston & Albany R. R. stockholders enjoyed their annual free ride to Boston Wednesday.

Cashier Green with his mother and sister started for Denver, Col., Thursday forenoon, to be gone a month or more.

Among the requests for prayer presented at the noon meeting in the Boston Tabernacle Wednesday, was one for this town.

J. S. Loomis claims to have the nicest matched pair of twin steers, four years old, in the county. They weigh thirty-two hundred pounds.

Mr. Bradford, Supt. of the State Primary School, is quite sick, and was not able to see the Legislative committee when it visited the institution on Wednesday.

The last of the Wales Hall Societies will be held next Thursday evening, Washington's Birthday. Single tickets of admission 50 cents. Music and prompting by Cady.

The Legislative committee on Public Charitable Institutions held a visit to the State Primary School on Wednesday, on its return from a visit to the Northampton Insane Asylum.

Rev. Dr. Hyde, late of Brimfield, and who goes to the Sandwich Islands soon to take charge of a theological seminary, spoke at a missionary meeting in Springfield last Sabbath.

A freight brakeman named Peter Barrett was knocked from the train by the water tank at West Brimfield one day last week, receiving a severe cut in the head and serious injuries to the spine.

Farmers and others will make a note of the fact that we furnish that excellent agricultural paper, the American Agriculturist, and the Journal for a year for \$2.85, the regular price of both papers being \$3.85.

W. H. Lee, a colored Methodist minister, will preach in Feeney's hall Sunday morning at 10.30 and in the evening at 7.30 o'clock. His subject in the evening will be, "The End and Haste of Time."

J. M. Knox is now canvassing Palmer for a new edition of "Our Country and its Resources" by J. D. McCabe, Jr. After a hasty glance through the book we can recommend it to the attention and careful inspection of our readers when the agent presents it.

Another turn of the wheel brings Rev. B. M. Fullerton to the head of the Palmer Lyceum, with an executive committee composed of Homer C. Strong, Drs. Warren and Stowe, Mrs. Baldwin and Mrs. Dr. Holbrook. The next meeting will have a varied programme.

Dr. S. Ruggles of Three Rivers has gone to North Carolina on a hunting expedition. His trip has no special political significance, and we trust the natives of the sunny South will not be intimidated when the Doctor makes his appearance among them, as he goes solely for his own health, with no murderous designs toward any but the wild beasts that overrun the state.

The "Old Farmer's Almanac" makes its February weather prognostications as follows: "Pleasant—but a—furious—storm will fiercely—drifting—winds—is near—at hand." "Fiercely drifting winds" isn't bad—and neither is the weather we have been enjoying this month. The memory of the oldest inhabitant fails to recall another February of such delightful sunshine and charming atmosphere, but we suppose those "drifting winds" will soon be upon us and spoil it all. We can excuse a great deal, however, after such a delicious taste of spring as has been afforded us.

An effort is on foot for the organization of a society among the youth of the village for mutual improvement, and as a help toward the building up of a noble type of manhood, and at a meeting held Wednesday evening at the house of Dr. Stowe a temporary organization was effected, with Willie Dewey for President and Charlie Griebel as Secretary. It is designed to have only youth as officers and active members of the organization, with adults as auxiliary members and helpers. The movement is meeting with hearty approval and endorsement, and it is to be hoped that every man and woman in the place who has the welfare of the village at heart will bid it God speed, and do all in their power to forward it.

St. Paul's Parish of this town observed the anniversary of their commencing worship in Union Hall, Tuesday evening, by an excellent supper in that hall free to all who chose to attend, followed by music, devotional exercises and addresses in Wales Hall by clergymen of various denominations. During the exercises the committee appointed by the parish to extend a call to Rev. C. H. Eaton to become its pastor, announced his acceptance of the same, the pastorate to commence Sept. 1st. The singing by the choir and by the children of the Sunday school was very pleasant. Songs by Mrs. Benmont, Miss George Nelson and Mr. Nash were well received, and the occasion was a joyous one to all concerned.

The Metropolitan theatre company gave two very good representations of popular plays at Wales Hall last week, although not very well patronized. The stars, John Murray and George Cardland, played their parts well, and perhaps the support was well enough for a traveling company, although our own Dramatic Club could with a little practice be fully as efficient, if not more so. Murray as "Jotham Hook" and Grace as the witch, in the second night's performance were much more popular than in their personations of "Gretchen." A little daughter of Landford Stone, of this village, took the part of "Mecenia," child of Rip Van Winkle, and the simplicity and naivete with which she acted was much applauded. The "orchestral" music was excellent.

Dr. Wakefield, late Supt. of the State Primary School, replies to the statement given to the legislative committee by his successor, concerning supplies at the Primary School, from which one might infer that the institution is in a destitute condition.

Dr. Wakefield shows that on the first of October the amount of bedding, dry goods, clothing and stock on hand amounted to \$13,028.83, and that since then he purchased \$2,096.27 more, making a total of \$15,125.10, which make the supplies on hand compare favorably with the supplies at other State institutions. Mr. Bradford disclaims that he intended to reflect on Dr. Wakefield in his statement, but wanted an appropriation to bring the institution up to the level of the general condition of things as he found them, and regrets that his requests to the Governor should result in any controversy.

Amaziah Mayo, Jr., of Springfield, the contractor engaged in building the new grist mill at Collins Depot for Cutler & Ellis, was seriously injured last Friday by a blow on his head from a falling timber.

There were 14 marriages, 42 births and 89 deaths in Belchertown in 1876. Thirty-two of the births were of American, and 10 of foreign parentage; 16 were males and 26 females. Twenty of the deaths were of females and 19 of males. Ten were between 70 and 80 years of age, 3 were between 80 and 90, and 1 was over 90.

John Eastman was up last Saturday on the charge of being a boarding house fraud, having an unpleasant habit of suddenly departing without first settling his bills. He did so last summer after stopping at the Tockwotton House a while, and he just been caught to answer for it. He was fined, with costs, \$18.55, and not having the funds was committed.

Among the lodgers in the tramp room Sunday night were four men, giving their names as John Kelley, John Shea, John Sullivan and Daniel Cummings, who tore things up generally, kept their fellow lodgers awake, and threatened to burn the building if they could not get out. The next morning Constable Palmer took them in charge, and they were sent to the county jail, where they were sentenced to three months at Bridgewater as vagrants. Two of them tried to escape when they reached there, but they were readily recaptured, though they fought vigorously.

Geo. Davis of Monson was on Monday sentenced to two months in the House of Correction for larceny.

Joseph St. John of Thorndike was up on Thursday for an assault last Sunday on Michael Welch, brought about by a cockfight, and pleaded not guilty, but was fined \$11.00, including costs.

The ladies of the Cong. society have just opened the social season. The text collector notifies the citizens that, in compliance with a vote of the town, he shall publish in the town report the names of all who do not pay their taxes before Mar. 1. Officers Drennan of Worcester, Capen of West Brookfield, and Combs of Warren, were on the war path Friday, after the unlicensed liquor dealers. Their seizures were not extensive.

At about 12 o'clock Friday night the store of J. B. Lombard & Son, dealers in gent's furnishing goods, etc., was discovered to be on fire. The building contained, besides the store, the barber shop of Frank Conlon, and was connected with the house and stable of Mr. Lombard. The hose companies responded promptly to the alarm, and by the speedy application of three streams of water from a neighboring hydrant, succeeded in saving the house and extinguishing the flames, though not until the building was completely gutted and the stock ruined. Appearances (some and shoes, etc., found outside the store) lead to no one had been able to enter the store) at first indicated that the store had been plundered and fired, but at present Mr. Lombard thinks nothing was stolen, and the cause of the fire is a mystery. Messrs. Lombard & Son had \$5500 insurance on stock and fixtures, \$2000 on building. W. F. Conlon's loss was \$368, insured for \$200. The night was extremely cold, the water freezing nearly as quick as it struck on anything but the fire, and the clothes of the firemen were frozen stiff. After the fire they thawed out, in Firemen's Hall, and partook of a supper.

The ladies at the Cong. church in Thorndike will hold a festival at their church next Wednesday evening. Miss Marion Stead of Springfield will give a reading at the same time.

The Sovereigns of Industry brought before its members last Tuesday evening, at its regular meeting, the drama entitled "The Last Leaf," with great satisfaction, showing the gift and talent of some of its members in that line. The lodge now numbers about two hundred members.

The local conference, comprising the Congregational churches of Warren, West Warren, Brimfield, Monson, and the 1st and 2d of Palmer, met with the Cong. church in Palmer (Thorndike) last Saturday. The meeting was called to order at half past ten by Mr. H. L. Reade, acting pastor of the Thorndike church, who cordially welcomed the representatives of the other churches. Dea. Keep of Monson offered prayer, and after singing reports were heard from Monson, Brimfield, Warren, West Warren, Thorndike, Three Rivers and the Methodist church at Four Corners, after which were of an exceedingly hopeful character, which were of an exceedingly hopeful character. At one half past eleven Rev. C. B. Sumner, at one half past eleven Rev. C. B. Sumner, preached an admirable sermon, the subject of which was, "The things that stand in the way of the coming of the Lord." After a beautiful collation, served by the ladies of Thorndike, the following questions were discussed: "What condition of the Christian church is specially demanded for to-day?" "How can that condition be reached?" Remarks were made by Rev. C. B. Sumner, Dea. Freeman Foster, Rev. W. R. Tisdale, Mr. Nichols of Monson, Mr. White of Monson, Mr. Hitecock of Thorndike, Mr. Graves of Monson, Mr. C. D. Fuller, and Dea. Hastings of Thorndike, and Mr. Reade. The meeting was one of great spiritual power, the effects of which it is hoped will be felt in the increased spiritual life of this brotherhood of churches.

The Pleasant-one now wears blue glasses and says it keeps off the blues. W. N. Flynn & Co. have their new steam saw mill in active operation and business at the turn-out is quite lively.

The "Peirce family" are to be represented in town again, Lorenzo, the son of Solomon, having rented the Sarah Foley premises. Addison Thompson has killed his hog, which was supposed to have been bitten by a mad dog, this being the second one so bitten, the first having died in great agony.

According to the census report for '75 Monson made 60,659 pounds of butter, worth \$27,252; and the total domestic and agricultural products were \$212,370.

The first lecture of the Reading Room course will be delivered on Wednesday evening, the 21st, by Rev. H. A. Shorey, subject, "Life in the Wilderness." Tickets at the P. O., Monday.

Not much talk as yet in regard to the annual town meeting, and probably won't be until the Presidential matter is settled.

Although the primary school is in our town yet it being nearer the village of Palmer our citizens are not called on to take sides in the present differences of opinion in regard to its former management.

About these days enquiries are being made in regard to small farms near the village, and some are also making arrangements in regard to dwellings for the ensuing year, although there is not as much change in moving in April as in former years.

About a car load of stockholders of the B. & A. railroad made their annual visit to Boston on Wednesday, and report a pleasant time and that they had a good meeting. The meeting of a portion was at the Tabernacle, however, and others were glad on meeting friends and relatives.

It is possible we are going to have a "Shawville" in our town; Austin Shaw has lately been building a neat and commodious structure just south of the Orunsky place, also a large, nice, neat and conveniently arranged hog house on his home lot, and has plans in view for the further improvement of that locality, which altogether show thrift, enterprise and go-ahead-tiveness in the projector of these new additions to our town.

The subject of missions was presented at the Methodist church last Sabbath: in the forenoon a missionary sermon by the pastor, Rev. O. W. Adams, in the afternoon by the Sabbath school giving a concert, in which the history of missions in connection with the Methodist church was presented, and in the evening the Women's Missionary society conducted the services and presented interesting facts concerning the work. Those who did not attend at all lost the opportunity afforded by the collections taken at each service, though if there are any who are anxious to contribute, the pastor will receive their offerings any time between now and conference.

Charles Legro succeeds C. E. Crow in Blood's drug store.

The Methodist held a sociable in their vestry Wednesday evening.

The Reform club meet as usual next Monday evening, at the chapel.

The banks will observe Washington's Birthday by being closed all day.

Michael Welch has opened a barber shop in Sheldon's block, on South St.

The Y. M. L. A. held a special meeting Thursday evening, and adjourned for one week.

The Unitarian social club cleared about \$10 from their entertainment at West Brookfield, Thursday evening.

The Ladies' Benevolent, and the Young Ladies' Charitable societies met together Wednesday evening with Mrs. J. R. Lawton.

THE LEGISLATURE.

From our own Correspondent.

Boston, Feb. 14.

The great "hurrah" now being raised all over the State in regard to the way the various charitable institutions are being managed, seems to have made its influence felt within the walls of the State House, and the charitable committee have just completed one investigation concerning the Westboro school, which resulted, however, in the usual amount of smoke, as no cause for legislation or executive interference was reported. The committee seem to have overlooked an order introduced some days ago by the member from Walpole, calling for information respecting the conviction of the ringleaders of the recent riot at Westboro, as so far, no report seems to have been made upon the subject. It is not probable that Mr. Bird raised that question for the mere purpose of saying something, but had some definite object in view, which, sooner or later, may disclose itself.

The Westboro school has always escaped any serious scandals, and has pursued the even tenor of its way, undisturbed by outside jealousies or inside contentions. There has occasionally been a little outbreak, like the one of recent occurrence, but none of them could be attributed to any lack of vigilance or efficiency on the part of the managers, or ratification to the desperate character of the larger boys, many of whom never should have been sent there.

But, all things considered, it is a matter of more or less doubt whether the institution pays or not. The larger boys should be in our houses of correction—where they seem to be placing them—while the smaller ones could easily be disposed of in the Primary School, and scattered over the State under the indenturing system of the Board of State Charities, and in that way accomplish more reformatory work than is now being done; for the amount of "reform" resulting from the establishment at Westboro has never been demonstrated in any authentic, definable shape, and it is doubtful if the authorities there could be able to make much of a showing in this important feature.

The Sunday laws have been receiving a little attention recently, and an attempt was made to abolish the most important of these legacies of the forefathers, but the descendants of that "noble band of martyrs" who constituted the passenger list of the good ship Mayflower, rallied in full strength and defeated the movement, and—metaphorically speaking—"sat down" on these rude despoilers of the fair fame of the Puritans. A bill was introduced, however, to make all municipalities liable for damages resulting from defective highways, whether such damages are sustained "on the Lord's Day" or not. The legal quibble, that a man has no right to travel on Sunday, has saved many towns from being mulcted. The bill will undoubtedly pass, and its introduction gave a young member from Worcester an opportunity to make his "maiden speech," which proved to be, so far, the longest speech of the session. Young members are rather inclined to make their "maiden" effort quite an auspicious occasion, and in addition to filling the gallery with their "maiden" friends, they have a small body-guard of boon companions upon the floor; so, under the circumstances, they should be indulged in all the time they want, even if they fail to deliver themselves of anything very brilliant or valuable.

The best speech-maker in the House may be said to be Mr. Bird. He does not occupy much time in his brief epigrammatic addresses, but generally manages in his curt, crisp style to say something which interests every one. The two nominal leaders, Washburn of Cambridge and Stone of Newburyport, have not occupied much of the time of the House by any lengthy speeches on their part. They both appear to be workers instead of talkers, and of the numerous important bills emanating from their respective committees hear witness to this fact. Mr. Hale keeps pretty quiet for him. The matters in which he takes the most interest have not yet come up for consideration, but he generally shows more or less attention to everything, and when he does get started he will pour out the King's English in his earnest, straightforward manner for hours at a time. But, all that, Mr. Hale is one of the best men of the House, and is of great service, both in matters of special and general legislation. The biggest man—physically speaking now—is Major McCafferty of Worcester, who appears content with his physical superiority and sensibly refrains from taking up much time or attention in any other way. The difference between the ponderous Worcester member and Mr. Osgood of Salem is probably sufficient to make another fish-sized man. The gentleman from Salem is diminutive in size, but is a very industrious and useful legislator, and bears the distinction of being the leader of the break from Boutwell to Hoar on the last ballot, which elected the latter gentleman Senator. But a good many of the old faces are among the missing—some regretfully, and some, possibly, otherwise.

The recent introduction of some proposed amendments to the Constitution, the effect of which will be to give us biennial sessions and the retention of legislators in office more than one session, is one of the most important measures that has been introduced. The provisions are, in the first place, biennial sessions, a Governor's term for two years and thus do away with the nuisance of annual elections. Secondly, it provides for a term of three years for Senators, which will give the law-makers in that branch the benefit of experience, as well as ability.

This is a measure which will doubtless meet with hearty endorsement from the people, who will be glad to embrace any proposition looking toward the reduction of the expenses of the government, and at the same time having a tendency to increase the efficiency of official servants.

Prince Gortschakoff, Russian minister of foreign affairs for the past 20 years, has resigned on account of his age (79), and is succeeded by Count Adlerberg.

There was a terrific explosion in a coal mine in France a few days ago, by which 55 miners lost their lives.

The Mountain City Bank of Pottsville, Pa., suspended payment last Saturday.

A CARD.—We desire to express our sincere thanks for the services rendered at the burning of our store on the night of the 1st inst. We would especially thank the fire engineers, the firemen and the members of the hose companies, who, not without so faithfully and effectually, the citizens who assisted so willingly, and the Warren cotton mills, who so kindly run their fire pumps.

J. B. LOMBARD & SON.

West Warren, Mass., Feb. 13th, 1877.

A CARD.—For the kind assistance, sympathy and real help which my neighbors and friends have given me during the sickness and death in my family, I return to all my sincere thanks.

WILLIAM WHITNEY.

Monson, Mass., Feb. 16, 1877.

The two Lee newspapers, the Gleaner and the Chronicle, have been consolidated under the name of the Gleaner, and Hon. Alexander Hyde of the former retires from the business.

The first passenger, a reporter, crossed over the temporary foot bridge from New York to Brooklyn last week Friday. The trip occupied three-quarters of an hour.

All the engineers on the Boston and Maine railroad struck on Monday, but their places have been filled by others.

Gen. Nicholas Chagnier, once a distinguished French officer, died Wednesday at the age of 83.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Cigarettes promote consumption. Nineteen snow storms are overdue. "Who cut your hair?" is just out in slang. Judge Davis made \$3,000,000 in land speculations.

The pay of New York Aldermen is \$4000 a year.

Springfield is spending \$300 a week for paupers.

The funeral of a New York apple-woman cost \$350.

The "Ashtabula Survivor" is around, asking for assistance.

William Sabin, of Sexton, Vt., has had 3-84 fits in eight years.

There was a slight earthquake at Portland, Me., last Friday.

Moody and Sankey are wanted in San Francisco next.

European colleges are being gradually opened to women.

Mrs. Grant held her last reception at the White House last Friday.

Mrs. Sterling, of Oglethorpe, Ga., aged 82, has just taken her first medicine.

The United States Government has expended \$500,000,000 in its Indian wars.

Walking dresses for spring wear will be light and short, and not looped.

A Pennsylvania man has an autograph letter of Martin Luther, 34 years old.

Suffield, Ct., has in her poor house a negro pauper said to be 114 years old.

A powder explosion occurred in India recently, killing 50 persons and wounding 1000.

Over 20,000,000 young forest trees were planted in this country during the past year.

Ten editors and printers in the United States Senate—two of them from Kansas.

A bear's foot was found in a steel trap in Vermont, the beast having gnawed it off to free itself.

Joseph Burgess of Hardwick, aged 75, has rung the town bell twice a day for more than 40 years.

Horatio Seymour's health is so much broken that he does not often leave home.

It is said that 40,000 German coal miners are out of work and great suffering is the result.

An enormous sheep ranch of 640,000 acres has just been surveyed in Menard county, Texas.

An Oakland, Cal., woman, who entertained a sick stranger, gets \$140,000 by the latter's will.

A car load of merchandise arrived in Boston last week in sixty-eight days from Chicago.

At a recent silver wedding in Waterbury, Ct., the bride was presented with a \$1500 clock, made in the place.

A horse in Columbia, Ct., is reliably announced to be 42 years old. His front teeth are nearly three inches in length.

The frigate Delaware sank at the Navy Yard, Brooklyn, the other day, because she was too rotten to hold together any longer.

J. L. Morrell, of Nashua, N. H., died recently from the effects of drinking water that ran through a lead pipe.

A company with \$10,000,000 capital, has been formed on the Pacific coast to prosecute the lumber business in Alaska.

Sir Titus Salt, the alpaca philanthropist, had a two-mile-long funeral; a very rare occurrence in England now-a-days.

Humming-bird jewelry, made entirely from the feathers of these little creatures, is now the rage in Paris.

The judges of Persia receive no salaries, and have nothing but bribes to depend upon for a living.

Another call, the 39th, has been issued for 5-20 bonds; \$10,000,000 are called for between now and the 12th of May.

Forty years ago the average daily number of pins made in England for home use and export was 20,000,000. Now it is 50,000,000.

A St. Louis shopkeeper has discovered that blue glass is good for twins—that is, for one of them. The other one died.

An old but still available Massachusetts statute has been discovered, which prohibits the extension of credit to students in colleges. The penalty is a fine of twice the amount of the debt.

Rear-Admiral Charles Wilkes, who took Mason and Slidell from a British steamer in 1861, died at Washington last week Thursday, aged 76, and Rear-Admiral Theodoros Bailey, to whom New Orleans was surrendered by the rebels, died at the same place on Saturday, at the age of 72.

Forbes & Wallace, the leading dry goods dealers in Springfield, announce in another column some great bargains and give prices.

W. P. Marsh & Co., the Springfield boot and shoe dealers, are having their annual clearing out sale, and their large store is full of buyers, getting bargains.

Why not have your spring suit made now? It costs so much less. S. C. Ray, 417 Main street, Springfield, has the spring fashions, and offers a big discount for orders in February and March.

E. W. Clarke, the florist and seedsman, has just issued his free catalogue for 1877. He furnishes seeds by mail, post-paid. All seeds raised or tested by him. Address 311 Main St., Springfield, Mass.

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HAND'S NEW YORK CITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY. This is the title of a valuable work of commercial reference just issued by Walter Hough & Co., Printers and Publishers, of 14 Park Place, New York. It contains a full and complete list of all the Importers, Jobbers and Manufacturers doing business in the great metropolis, classified and arranged by trades and occupations, and giving their street and number address. It is an invaluable work for the country merchant. It tells him where to obtain anything from a needle to a steam engine, of first or second hands. The work will be sent by the publishers to any address, postage prepaid, upon the receipt of the price, which is as follows: Cloth, full bound edition, per copy, One Dollar; flexible cloth bound, Seventy-Five Cents; paper covers, Fifty Cents.

Dealers and consumers who would like to purchase produce, poultry, butter, cheese, eggs, or haled hay in the quantity, should be sure to call at D. W. Palmer & Co's, 5 Hillman St., Springfield, where they will find a new wholesale and retail house, and prices are said to be lower than at any other place in the city.

Join the procession! If you have a cough or a cold join the crowds that are hurrying to the drug stores for "Hale's Honey of Horsebalm and Tar." It is agreeable, quick to cure, and absolutely infallible. Sold by all druggists.

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Mrs. I. S. APPLETON, Hillsboro, N. H., spinal disease.
Mrs. Z. A. WHITE, Sheds Corners, N. Y., terrible serofula and kidney disease; gained 40 lbs.
Geo. HAINES, Ogdessa, cured of terrible catarrh.
ALBERT THURSDALE, Simeok, N. H., loathsome serofula; supposed to be in consumption; cured.
A. H. HAWLEY, Saratoga, says that "Medical Wonder" gave him health, strength and appetite.
Rev. O. J. WAIT, Franklin, N. H., wife afflicted with liver and kidney complaints, neuralgia, &c.
Mrs. C. P. OGDY, Concord, N. H., could not bed with female and kidney disease; cured.
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Wood's Improved Hair Restorative is unlike any other, and has no equal. The Improved has new vegetable tonic properties; restores gray hair to a glossy, natural color; restores faded, dry, harsh and falling hair; restores, dresses, gives vigor to the hair; restores hair to prematurely bald heads; removes dandruff, humors, scaly eruptions; removes irritation, itching, and sealy dryness. No article produces such wonderful effects. Try it; call for Wood's Improved Hair Restorative, and don't be put off with any other article. Sold by all druggists in this place, and dealers everywhere. True supplied at manufacturers' prices by C. A. COOK & CO., Chicago, Sole Agents for the United States and Canada, and by Weeks & Potter, Boston. 9m23

BORN.

At Chicopee Falls, 7th, a daughter to MICHAEL KING. 3w47

MARRIED.

At Enfield, 13th, by Rev. E. C. Ewing, EDWARD J. CANNELL and ABRAHAM FREEMAN of Prescott. At Springfield, 11th, FRANK BENJAMIN and ANNIE HENSLY. 3w47

DIED.

At Springfield, 12th, Mrs. RUBIE BLISS, 80. At Stafford, Ct., 12th, IRA FISK, 68. At Springfield, 13th, A. JANE, wife of A. C. Butlerfield. 1w46

MISS ABBIE HOLBROOK

Will receive orders for all kinds of HAIR WORK. 3m46 62 Commercial Block, Palmer, Mass.

NOTICE.—I have this day given my son, George E. Sanford, his time, and shall not collect any of his earnings nor pay any debt on his contract. GEORGE C. SANFORD. Three Rivers, Mass., Feb. 15, 1877. 3w47

LOST!—On Saturday night, 10th inst., a bundle bound with a shawl-strap, which was put in a sleigh in front of Cross' block by mistake. The finder will confer a favor by leaving it at the JOURNAL Office, Palmer. 1w46

FOR SALE!—A good two-story house, containing 14 rooms, on South Main street, formerly known as the

TURNER HOMESTEAD.

It is finished off suitable for occupancy by either one or two families. The house is on a good "corner lot." For terms or further particulars call on D. W. FOSKETT. Palmer, Feb. 14th, 1877. 4w47

GRAIN STORE!

The subscriber would respectfully announce to the people of Three Rivers and vicinity that he is prepared to furnish

FLOUR, GRAIN, MEAL, FEED, &c., in large or small quantities, at the store lately occupied by Frank Shaw in Three Rivers. I can give the best of goods and as good BARGAINS as can be obtained anywhere. Give me a call. W. M. HAYNES. Three Rivers, Feb. 15th, 1877. 4w47

FARM FOR SALE!

The well-known Sheldon Homestead in North Somers, Ct., is offered for sale. It consists of about 750 acres, suitably divided into mowing, pasturing and tillage; good orchard, with a variety of fruit; good house and barn, hog house, work shop, and two tobacco sheds; farm well fenced; two streams good spring water on the premises. Said farm is situated on the main road from Springfield to Rockville, Ct. Inquire of T. S. SHELTON, Adm'r., North Somers, Ct., or of E. C. SHELTON, 24 Bridge St., Springfield. 4w43

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To all persons interested in the estate of Abel Rogers, late of Monson, in said county, deceased, Greeting: Whereas, Elkann Rogers, executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance the second account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased, and has also presented for allowance his private account against said estate; and whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, has been presented to said court for Probate by Solomon Spindler, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named.

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week, in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed at Palmer, three weeks successively, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtlett, Esquire, Judge of said court, this thirteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register. Copy. Attest: SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register. 3w47

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Abigail King, late of Monson, in said county, deceased, Greeting: Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, has been presented to said court for Probate by Solomon Spindler, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named.

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And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed at Palmer, three weeks successively, the last publication to be two days at least before said court, and by mailing a copy hereof to each of said next of kin as may reside out of this Commonwealth, fourteen days at least before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtlett, Esquire, Judge of said court, this fifteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register. Copy. Attest: SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register. 3w47

SURVETUS LEACH,
HOUSE CARPENTER & JOINER,
Shop on Park street, Palmer, Mass.

Having put power into my shop, I am also prepared to do all kinds of Jobbing, Scroll Sawing, etc. All work promptly attended to. See sign on east end of Rockvotlon House. 1w41

SEND 25c to G. P. ROWELL & CO., New York for pamphlet of 100 pages, containing lists of 3000 newspapers, and estimates showing cost of advertising. 1y31

Special Clearing Sale

COTTONS!

FORBES & WALLACE,

Offer Fifty (50) Packages of

Bleached & Unbleached Cottons

At Unprecedented LOW PRICES!

We shall at this time sell Cottons by the piece or yard, at from 1 to 2 cents per yard less than the same goods can be bought to-day in Boston by the package.

Cottons have advanced, and we advise our friends to buy what Cottons they are likely to need for the next year to come, now; MON- EY CAN BE SAVED by doing so.

WE HAVE JUST OPENED A

WAGON LOAD OF NEW

SPRING PRINTS!

Best Quality, 64 cents. Choice New Styles, 8 cents.

Dress Goods! Dress Goods!

100 pieces ENGLISH DIAGONALS

In Spring Shades, at 20 cents, worth 33 cents! Very desirable. Very cheap.

A manufacturer's stock of

CORSETS, CORSETS.

At 50 cents on the dollar. Corsets at 25 cents, worth 50 cents. Corsets at 50 cents, worth 75 cents. FRENCH CORSETS, elegantly embroidered, at \$1.25, never before offered less than \$2.00. Three cases three ruffle FELT SKIRTS, 65 cents; good bargains.

FORBES & WALLACE,

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

CASH STORE.

We have just opened at 59 Main street, a fresh stock of

GROCERIES,

Flour, Provisions,

Stone and Glass Ware, &c.,

Which we propose to sell CHEAP

FOR CASH ONLY!

We are going to do a STRICTLY CASH BUSINESS, and as we shall lose no money on poor accounts we can afford to sell cheaper than any merchant can who gives credit.

AND WE SHALL DO IT!

CALL AND SEE US AND LEARN OUR

PRICES!

SMITH & CO.

Palmer, Feb. 8th, 1877.

25 FANCY CARDS, 15 styles, with name, 10 cents. Post-paid. J. B. HUSTED, Nassau, Reseller Co., N. Y. 4w47

GOOD PAY and steady work for one or two enterprising men and women in each county. PARTICULARS FREE. SEND \$3.00 FOR OUT- FIT. WORTH \$20. Address J. LATHAM & CO., 419 Washington St., Boston, Mass. 4w47

BIG EST Milton Gold Jewelry Combination, consisting of elegant Watch Chains, Ladies' Handsome Brooches and Ear Drops, pair elegant Gold Stone Sleeve Buttons, set Spiral Studs, Collar Button, Bone plain Wedding Rings, and Gent's Parisian Diamond Pin.

The above articles sent, post-paid, for 50 CTS. Have retailed for \$6. Bankrupt stock and must be sold. Solid Milton Gold Watches, \$10 each, for \$2.50. Solid Gold Rings, \$10 each, for \$2.50. Solid Gold Chains, \$10 each, for \$2.50. Solid Gold Buttons, \$10 each, for \$2.50. Solid Gold Studs, \$10 each, for \$2.50. Solid Gold Collar Buttons, \$10 each, for \$2.50. Solid Gold Wedding Rings, \$10 each, for \$2.50. Solid Gold Parisian Diamond Pin, \$10 each, for \$2.50.

His reputation for honesty, fair dealing and liberality is unequaled by any advertiser in this city.—N. Y. Day Book, Dec. 16, 1876.

POSTAGE STAMPS TAKEN AS CASH.

F. STOCKMAN, 27 Bond St., New York. 4w47

DENTISTRY!

H. S. GOULD, D. D. S.,

Administers Nitrous-Oxide Gas. Teeth inserted on Gold and Celluloid. Gold Fillings made a specialty.

Dental Rooms, Barton Block. 4w45 MONSON, Mass.

LOST!

A small Skye or Scotch Terrier Dog, nearly white, with long hair and clipped ears. Any person finding information concerning his whereabouts will be suitably rewarded. 3w45

C. L. GARDNER.

FOR SALE!—The Robert Hancock place, so called, owned by Mrs. W. Upham, on the Brimfield road east of Blanchardville. A good house and barn, about an acre of land, good well water, fruit trees, &c., or further particulars inquire of H. O. Hancock. 8w45

GOOD NEWS!

GRAND

OPENING SALE

—OF—

CLOTHING

—AT—

Manufacturers' Cost!

W. A. Farnsworth & Co.

Take this opportunity of introducing them selves and announcing to the people of Palmer and vicinity that having rented the store under the Nassovanno House,

On Saturday, Feb. 3d,

They will open with a Large Stock of

CLOTHING,

HATS, AND

Furnishing Goods,

Which they will offer

At Prices as Low and Lower

Than can be found in

Springfield,

Worcester,

OR ELSEWHERE.

WE CALL ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

Our Stock is ENTIRELY

NEW, no old styles or goods

bought when prices were a third

higher.

Our stock has all been bought

within the LAST TEN DAYS,

at a discount from one-fourth to

one-half Regular Prices.

Having been formerly connected with a Clothing manufacturing concern, we have perfect-

ed arrangements by which we

can obtain a decided advantage

over market prices. With these

advantages, coupled with a thorough knowledge of both the

wholesale and retail business, we

confidently believe we can merit

and secure a liberal patronage.

Figures Will Tell.

PLEASE EXAMINE OUR GOODS

BEFORE PURCHASING.

ALL GOODS MARKED IN PLAIN

FIGURES AT PRICES THAT WILL IN-

SURE A SPEEDY SALE.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED OR

MONEY REFUNDED.

W. A. FARNSWORTH & CO.

Palmer, Feb. 1, 1877.

!! ATTENTION !!

CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS,

—AND—

Furnish ing Goods,

388 Main Street,

OLD STAND OF F. J. PARKER & CO.

Whole Stock for Sale, either at Retail or in Bulk.

MR. J. A. BALDWIN, having been under the necessity of

taking this stock, will sell it at

greatly reduced prices, some of

it much below cost, to close it

out. This will afford yourself

CLOTHING enough for five

years' wear so low that you will

not be wise in letting it pass.

After the goods are sold the

Home.
"Our home is not where we are, but where we wish to be."—*Plumstead Post.*
"Tis home where the heart is, wherever that be,
In city, in desert, on mountain, in dell;
Not the grandeur, the number, the objects we see,
But that which we love, is the magical spell."
"Tis this gives the cottage a charm and a grace,
Which the glare of a palace but rarely has known;
It is this, only this, and not station or place,
Which gives being to pleasure, which makes it our own."
Like the dove on the waters, a rest-place to find,
In vain for enjoyment o'er nations we roam;
Home only can yield real joy to the mind,
And there, where the heart is, there only is home.
—*Rev. John Young.*

SCARLET FEVER AND DIPHTHERIA.

Dr. G. D. Beebe, an eminent homoeopathic physician of Chicago, has met with large success in the treatment of scarlet fever and diphtheria, and he publishes a statement of facts and phenomena which led him to the use of the remedy which has accomplished so much in his hands, and which is simply sulpho-carbolic acid. We give a portion of his statement herewith:

The microscope has already revealed the terrible ravages of the parasitic animalcule known variously as *bacterium*, *vibrio penicillium*, *torula*, etc., in fermentation and putrefaction. Some of the most eminent scientific men of the day—Pasteur in France, Koch in Germany, Tyndall in England—have demonstrated that these infinitesimal organisms have vitality and powers of generation and transmutation that are at once marvelous, insidious and frightful. Tyndall calls them generally ferments. They are carried through the air and they lie buried for months in unsuspected places only to renew their ravages under proper conditions. It is not strange, then, that medical men should have carried their speculations and experiments in the same direction beyond the vision of the microscope. "The disease," says Tyndall, "bears a constant relation to its contagium as the microscopic organisms just enumerated do to their germs, or, indeed, as a thistle does to its seed. No wonder, then, with analogies so obvious and so striking, that the conviction is spreading and growing daily in strength that reproductive parasitic life is at the root of epidemic disease—that living ferments finding lodgment in the body increase there and multiply, directly ruining the tissue on which they subsist, or destroying life indirectly by the generation of poisonous compounds within the body. This conclusion, which comes to us with a presumption almost amounting to demonstration, is clinched by the fact that virulently-infective diseases have been discovered with which living organisms are as closely and as indissolubly associated as the growth of *torula* is with the fermentation of beer."

It was upon this hypothesis that Dr. Beebe began his search, as long as ten years ago in the case of diphtheria and more recently in scarlet fever, for an agency that would attack and defeat the reproductive parasites which he believes to be destroying the essentials of the blood in those diseases. He first found that carbolic acid, administered internally, was effective as an antiseptic, but the objection to it was that it could not be diffused in sufficient quantities to insure success without risking its poisonous effects. Sulphite of soda was found to be diffusive enough, but to lack energy. It was finally in a combination of the two—sulpho-carbolic acid—that the desired agency was discovered, and its use during the present epidemic this winter of scarlet fever and diphtheria has abundantly demonstrated its efficiency.

Dr. Beebe cites a large number of cases where in towns or neighborhoods visited with the scourge the use of this antiseptic has saved families from attack, while all those not using it were seized with disease. The dose for an adult is four grains, pulverized with an equal amount of sugar; and half that quantity for children under ten years of age. To prevent atmospheric contagion the dose should be taken morning and evening. When either disease is in a building with non-infected persons the latter should get four doses a day. In the treatment of either disease the dose may be repeated every two hours, in addition to other indicated remedies.

PROFANE.—We are emphatically in the age of profanity, and it seems to us that we are on the topmost current. One cannot go on the streets anywhere without having his ears offended with the vilest words, and his reverence shocked by the most profane use of sacred names. Nor does it come from the old or middle aged alone, for it is a fact that the younger portion of the community are most proficient in degrading language. Boys have an idea that it is smart to swear; that it makes them manly; but there never was a greater mistake in the world. Men, even those who swear themselves, are disgusted with profanity in a young man, because they know how, of all bad habits, this clings the most closely and increases with years. It is the most insidious of habits, growing on one so invisibly, that almost before one is aware he becomes an accomplished curser.

"Why, Bill, what's the matter with you? You look down in the mouth." "Well, Peter, I dare say if you'd been through what I have, you'd look bad, too." "What's the matter?" "Well, you know Sarah Snivels, don't you, Peter?" "Yes." "I discarded her last night." "You did! What for?" "Well, I'll tell you. She said she wouldn't marry me, and I'll discard any girl that would treat me in that way."

A precocious New York boy, who has just begun to read the newspapers, asked his father, the other day, if the word "Hon." prefixed to the names of Congressmen, meant "honest."

He that follows the Lord fully, will find that goodness and mercy follow him continually. For daily wants he will find daily grace.

These who blow the coals of others' strife may have the sparks fly in their own faces.

Every man is said to have at least one chance to acquire wealth. In the case of a newspaper man, this opportunity comes on the 29th of February every year, except leap year.

Three rules of Vanderbilt are worthy of general adoption: "Never buy what you can't pay for," "Never put it into any man's power to ruin you," and "Keep your mouth shut."

We must not deceive ourselves, for he that overcometh not himself in little matters will not be able to do so in great things.

There is nothing that so convinces a man that there is truth in religion as to see true religion in Christians.

Of all the various methods proposed for the reduction of postage none are so practical as this: Get married!

When we are alone, we have our thoughts to watch; in families our tempers; and in society our tongues.

CONSUMPTIVES TAKE NOTICE!

Every moment of delay makes your cure more hopeless, and much depends on the judicious choice of a remedy. The amount of testimony in favor of Dr. Schenck's Pulmonic Syrup, as a cure for Consumption, far exceeds all that can be brought to support the pretensions of any other medicine. See Dr. Schenck's Almanac, containing the certificates of many persons of the highest respectability, who have been restored to health, after being pronounced incurable by physicians of acknowledged ability. Schenck's Pulmonic Syrup alone has cured many, as these evidences will show; but the cure is often promoted by the employment of two other remedies which Dr. Schenck provides for the purpose. These additional remedies are Schenck's Scurvy Tonic and Mandrake Pills. By the timely use of these medicines, according to directions, Dr. Schenck certifies that most any case of Consumption may be cured.

Dr. Schenck is professionally at his principal office, corner Sixth and Arch streets, Philadelphia, every Monday, where all letters for advice must be addressed.

VEGETINE

PURIFIES THE BLOOD, RENOVATES AND INVIGORATES THE WHOLE SYSTEM.

ITS MEDICAL PROPERTIES ARE

Alterative, Tonic, Solvent, And DIURETIC.

RELIABLE EVIDENCE.

Dr. H. R. STEVENS:
Dear Sir—I will most cheerfully add my testimony to the great number of your great and good medicine, Vegetine, for I do not think enough can be said in its praise, for I was troubled over thirty years with that dreadful disease, Catarrh, and had such bad coughing spells that I could scarcely breathe any more, and Vegetine has cured me; and I do feel that God led me to the use of this medicine, and I also think it one of the best medicines for cough and weak, sinking feelings at the stomach, and advise everybody to take the Vegetine, for I can assure them it is one of the best medicines that ever was.

Mrs. L. GORE.
Cor. Magazine and Walnut Sts.,
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GIVES HEALTH, STRENGTH, AND APPETITE.

My daughter has received great benefit from the use of Vegetine. Her declining health was a source of great anxiety to all her friends. A few bottles of Vegetine restored her health, strength and appetite.

N. H. TILDEN,
Insurance and Real Estate Agt.,
No. 49 Sears' Building,
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CANNOT BE EXCELLED.

CHARLESTOWN, Mar. 19, 1880.

Dr. H. R. STEVENS:
Dear Sir—This is to certify that I have used your "Blood Preparation" in my family for several years, and think that, for Scrofula or Cankerous Humors or Rheumatic Affections, it cannot be excelled; and as a blood purifier or spring medicine, it is the best thing I have ever used, and I have used almost everything. I can cheerfully recommend it to any one in need of such a medicine.

Yours respectfully,
Mrs. A. D. DIMMOCK,
No. 19 Russell Street.

RECOMMEND IT HEARTILY.

SOUTH BOSTON, Feb. 7, 1870.

Mr. STEVENS—I have taken several bottles of your Vegetine, and am convinced it is a valuable remedy for Dyspepsia, Kidney Complaint and general debility of the system. I can heartily recommend it to all suffering from the above complaints. Yours respectfully,
Mrs. MRS. PARKER,
88 Athens Street.

PREPARED BY

H. R. STEVENS, BOSTON, MASS.

VEGETINE IS SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

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J. S. LEEDHAM,

WATCHMAKER,

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Great Reduction in Elgin Watches!

Great Reduction in Waltham Watches!

Great Reduction in Springfield Watches!

If you are in need of a good Watch of any grade or make, call and get my prices, which are as LOW AS THE LOWEST.

FINE WATCH REPAIRING

All kinds of Watches thoroughly and scientifically repaired. Imperfect or unsatisfactory timekeepers corrected and made to perform well at moderate charges. Ordinary watches of sound construction can be converted into good timekeepers by the application of chronometer balances with accurate adjustment.

CHARGES THE LOWEST, CONSISTENT WITH GOOD WORK.

J. S. LEEDHAM,

69 Main Street, Palmer, Mass.

SWORN STATEMENT

OF A

BOSTON DRUGGIST.

Gentlemen.—I hereby certify that I have had Catarrh for ten years, and for the last six years have been a terrible sufferer. I was rendered partially deaf, had buzzing in the head, pains across the temple, dizzy spells, weak and painful eyes, swollen and ulcerated tonsils, hard and constant cough, and every indication of consumption. My heart ached all the time. The matter accumulated so rapidly in my head and throat that I could not keep them free. Frequently at night I would spring out of bed, it seemed to me, at the point of suffocation. I would then have recourse to every means in my power to dislodge the mucus from throat and head before being able to sleep again. For a period of six years my tonsils were ulcerated and so much inflamed that I could with difficulty swallow. I informed that I could with difficulty swallow. I finally consulted an eminent surgeon in regard to an operation, but at his request postponed it. The constant inflammation and ulceration in my throat from my head had so irritated and inflamed my lungs that I coughed incessantly—a deep, hard cough. Meanwhile my system began to show the effects of this disease, so that I lost flesh, grew pale, and showed every symptom of an early death by consumption. When matters had reached this stage, or about six months ago, I began the use of Sanford's Radical Cure for Catarrh. After using the first bottle I began to improve rapidly. The inflammation in my head and throat was so reduced that I could keep my head down. I had not known it to be for years. It seemed gradually to arrest the discharges. I stopped my cough and my head ceased to ache. I soon reduced the inflammation and swelling of my tonsils so that they soon ceased to trouble me. The soreness across my chest disappeared, and I began to feel better. My senses of hearing and of seeing were completely restored, and every symptom of disease that had reduced me to the verge of death disappeared by the use of Sanford's Radical Cure for Catarrh.

I have been thus explicit because, as a druggist, I have seen a great deal of suffering from Catarrh, and I have been convinced many times that this is a great remedy. I am familiar with the treatment of Catarrh as practised by the best physicians, and I have used every kind of remedy and apparatus that has appeared during a period of six years past, and have, while following their use, taken great care of my general health, but obtained no relief or encouragement from any of them.

Since curing myself with Sanford's Radical Cure I have recommended it in over a hundred cases without a single case of failure, and have in numerous instances received wholesale orders from parties to whom I have sold the medicine. This is the only patent medicine I have ever recommended, never having believed in them before, although constantly engaged in their sale.

Yours truly,
GEORGE F. DIMMOCK.

Boston Feb. 23d, 1875.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENT.

Since the above statement was made I have been rapidly improving in health. I have had no return of the disagreeable symptoms that attended my former sickness, and although affected from time to time with severe colds incident to the changes of our climate, they have not been sufficient to bring on a return of the disease. My general health has been excellent. I have gained 25 pounds and consider myself in perfect health. I have been able to do all the work of a year ago, and I have not seen an instance since that shakes the confidence I feel in Sanford's Radical Cure for Catarrh.

Each package contains Dr. Sanford's Improved Inhalant Tube, with full directions for use in all cases. Price \$1.00. For sale by all wholesale and retail druggists.

WEEKS & POTTER, General Agents, and Wholesale Druggists, Boston.

NERVOUS DISEASES.

For the immediate relief and permanent cure of many forms of Paralysis, Epilepsy or Fits, and Nervous and Involuntary Muscular Action.

COLLINS' VOLTAIC PLASTERS,

by rallying the nervous forces, have proved successful when every other known remedy has failed.

"JUST THE THING."

Messrs. WEEKS & POTTER: Gentles.—Please find enclosed 50 cents, for which send me two COLLINS' VOLTAIC PLASTERS. They seem to be just the thing for nervous complaints, as those who use them testify. I do not use them myself, but seeing your advertisement and knowing that you are a successful practitioner, and that you have tried the Voltaic Plasters, and that they have proved very satisfactory. Please send me your lowest rates by the dozen. Very respectfully,
O. W. BOSTWICK.

MT. STERLING, O., July 20, 1876.

"I WANT MORE."

Messrs. WEEKS & POTTER: Gentles.—Please send by mail one dozen COLLINS' VOLTAIC PLASTERS. They seem to be just the thing for nervous complaints, as those who use them testify. I do not use them myself, but seeing your advertisement and knowing that you are a successful practitioner, and that you have tried the Voltaic Plasters, and that they have proved very satisfactory. Please send me your lowest rates by the dozen. Very respectfully,
O. W. BOSTWICK.

Enclosed find \$2.25. Address, E. EMMET RICE, MONTGOMERY, O., May 1, 1876.

HALE'S HONEY

OF

HOREHOUND & TAR

FOR THE CURE OF

COUGHS, COLDS, INFLUENZA,

HOARSENESS, DIFFICULT

BREATHING, AND ALL

AFFECTIONS OF THE THROAT,

BRONCHIAL TUBES AND

LUNGS, LEADING TO

CONSUMPTION.

This infallible remedy is composed of the HONEY of the plant Horehound, in chemical union with TAR-BALM, extracted from the LIFE PRINCIPLE of the forest tree ADIES BALSAMEA, or Balm of Gilead.

The Honey of Horehound soothes and scatters all irritations and inflammations, and the Tar-Balm cleanses and heals the throat and air-passages leading to the lungs. Five additional ingredients keep the organs cool, moist and in healthy action. Let no prejudice keep you from trying this great medicine of a famous doctor, who has saved thousands of lives by it in his large private practice.

N. B.—The Tar-Balm has no bad taste or smell.

PRICES—50 cents, and \$1.00 per Bottle.

GREAT SAVING TO BUY LARGE SIZE.

SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

"PIKE'S TOOTHACHE DROPS" cure in 1 minute.

C. N. CRITTENTON, Proprietor,

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ENVELOPES!

ALL QUALITIES AND PRICES.

Printed to order, at the JOURNAL OFFICE.

THOSE who have had washings done by Mrs. J. W. Smith can still have them well done by leaving them at the stove and tin shop kept by Mr. HITCHCOCK, corner of Tockwood House block.

Palmer, Nov. 25, 1876.

Dr. A. J. Flagg's

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SYRUP.

A SAFE and SURE REMEDY!

THE COUGH AND LUNG SYRUP

Is the remedy that during the past fifteen years has won for DR. FLAGG an extended reputation as a SPECIALIST FOR THROAT and LUNG diseases. After so many years trial it can be truthfully said that it has NEVER FAILED, even in the WORST CASES. It is purely Vegetable, and its effect upon the system is at once soothing and tonic.

It will cure a Common Cold

In a few hours, not by drying it up, but by removing it from the system. TRY IT.

IT WILL CURE A CHRONIC COUGH, by soothing the irritated parts, and strengthening the system.

It will Cure Consumption,

Even after all other remedies have failed. In the earlier stages of this disease it will effect a speedy and certain cure; and in many cases of advanced Consumption its effect has seemed almost miraculous, restoring to full strength and perfect health those whom physicians had given up as incurable. TRY IT.

IT WILL CURE CATARRH

More effectually than any other remedy, by simply removing the cause. TRY IT.

IT WILL CURE BRONCHITIS, by allaying all irritation of the Throat. TRY IT.

IT WILL CURE ASTHMA, affording immediate relief and a perfect cure. TRY IT.

IT WILL CURE ULCERATED SORE THROAT. TRY IT.

IT WILL CURE LOSS OF VOICE, NIGHT SWEATS, HECTIC FEVER, AND ALL SYMPTOMS OF CONSUMPTION. TRY IT.

FOR EVERY AFFECTION OF THE THROAT and LUNGS it only needs a trial to convince the most skeptical of its wonderful curative properties.

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Not Knowing.

I know not what shall befall me,
God hangs a mist o'er my eyes,
And each step in my onward path
He makes new scenes to rise,
And every joy He sends to me
Comes as a sweet surprise.

I see not a step before me
As I tread on another year,
But the past is still in God's keeping,
Some joy so strangely sweet,
Which will not let me go,
And which looks dark in the distance
May brighten as I draw near;

For perhaps the dreared future
Has less bitter than I think;
The Lord may sweeten the waters
Before I stoop to drink;
Or, if Marah must be Marah,
He will stand beside its brink.

It may be He has, waiting
For the coming of my feet,
Some gift of such rare value,
Which will not let me go,
That my lips shall only tremble
With the thanks they cannot speak.

O, restless, blissful ignorance!
'Tis blessed not to know;
It keeps me still in those arms
Which will not let me go,
And hushes my soul to rest
In the bosom that loved me so!

So I go on—not knowing;
I would not if I might,
Rather walking with God in the dark
Than going alone in the light,
Than walking with Him by faith
Than walking alone by sight.

My heart shrinks back from trials
Which the future may disclose,
Yet I never had a sorrow
But when I met the Lord close,
So I send the coming tears back
With the whispered words, "He knows!"
—Mary G. Brainard.

HOW MARION GOT HIS RIFLES.

The close of the year 1770 was a sad period for America. The British held the country from Charleston to upper Santee, and in order to complete their conquest had established a chain of posts through the State, each one of which was strongly fortified and defended by a good garrison. Organized resistance to the British there was none. On the American side the principal actors in the struggle were the men who composed the famous "light brigade" of General Marion.

The favorite rendezvous of Marion was at Snow Island. This was a high piece of river swamp, as it is called in the Carolinas, and was surrounded on three sides by water, so as to be almost impregnable. Here Marion had his camp. From this fastness he issued forth at pleasure to range the enemy's granaries, or capture a struggling party of his troops. Secure in his retreat, he had no fear of pursuit.

In the city of Charleston the despotism of the British was at its height; the proud spirited people at that capital were held down by a grinding tyranny. Many of them were still open and uncompromising in their hostility to the English, while others, thinking they could best serve the cause in that way, affected a hearty submission to the enemy, and were seemingly the most loyal of King George's subjects. Yet, while the English saw this and congratulated themselves on the good effect it would have upon the colonists, these very "loyalists" kept the American commanders constantly informed of all that passed within the British lines, and many a disaster of the English was in this way directly attributed to them.

One of those persons was a lady of fine social position and great wealth. Indeed, there were few persons in Charleston over whose submission to the crown the British were more elated than they were over that of Mrs. Anne Garden. She was a young and beautiful widow, just twenty-five, and for several years had been the standing toast of the Carolinas. When the British took the city she was one of the first to submit to the king, and since then her home had been the favorite gathering place of the red-coat gentry. Many of Mrs. Garden's friends were stout patriots to the last, and quietly her indignation when her name was mentioned, and they dared speak at all it was only to condemn the widow's treachery. In the camp of Marion, however, there was one cheek that kindled with pride and not with shame when the lady's name was mentioned, and as for General Marion himself he could have told tales that would have startled the widow's Charleston friends, had it been safe to do so.

While Marion was creating so great an excitement beyond the gates of Charleston, Mrs. Garden resolved to give a ball. Preparations were made on an extensive scale, and the loyal element of the city was in high feather. The splendid mansion of the young widow was dressed with flowers from cellar to garret, and blazed with lights on the evening appointed for the assembly, and the band in the garrison discoursed sweet music to the assembled crowd.

The entertainment was at its height, when the crowd near the door suddenly parted, and a young man came forward hurriedly. He was tall and splendidly formed, and carried himself erect with a proud martial air. He was dressed in the uniform of an officer of the tory legion, and his general appearance was that of a man who had ridden far and hard during the day. As the young widow saw him, her face flushed and then grew deadly pale, and she sprang forward with a cry of alarm.

"What are you doing here?" she asked, hurriedly.

"You will see," he answered quickly, in a low tone, "only for Heaven's sake, swear black and blue to what I may say?" Then he calmly added, in a louder tone: "You see, my dear cousin, I have come back to my allegiance."

"I am delighted to hear it," she replied, warmly, taking the hint at once. "I never thought your heart would cling to the rebel cause."

"Faith," he said, laughing, "if my heart clung to it, my stomach would have driven me from it. I'm not fond of starving, my dear cousin, and King George lives well, you know. Hereafter, Thomas Wilson lives and dies a loyal man."

Colonel Watson had been standing by during this conversation, watching the couple closely. Now he stepped forward to the lady's side.

"Who is this gentleman?" he asked somewhat sharply. "He seems wonderfully familiar."

"Oh," replied the lady, laughing, "he is my cousin, Lieutenant Thomas Wilson, and, as you will perceive, is in his majesty's service."

A THRILLING SCENE.

Says a writer: It was at a military review, held at Vienna, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the military order of Maria Theresa.

Not far from thirty thousand cavalry were in line. A little child—a girl—of not more than four years, standing in the front row of spectators, either from fright or some other cause, rushed out into the open field just as a squadron of hussars came sweeping around from the main body. They had made the detour for the purpose of saluting the empress, whose carriage was in that part of the parade ground. Down came the flying squadron, charging at a mad gallop—down directly upon the child. The mother was paralyzed, as were others, for there could be no rescue from the line of spectators. The empress uttered a cry of horror, for the child's destruction seemed inevitable—and such a terrible destruction; the tramping to death by a thousand iron hoofs!

Directly under the feet of the horses was the little one—another instant must seal its doom—when a stalwart hussar, who was in the front line, without slackening his speed or loosening his hold, threw himself over by the side of his horse's neck, seized and lifted the child, and placed it in safety upon his saddle-bow; and this he did without changing his pace or breaking the correct alignment of the squadron.

Ten thousand spectators hailed with rapturous applause the gallant deed, and other thousands applauded when they knew it. Two women there were who could only sob forth in broken accents—the mother and the empress.

And a proud and happy moment must it have been for the hussar, when his emperor, taking from his own breast a richly embroidered cross of the Order of Maria Theresa, hung it upon the breast of his gallant trooper.

SINGULAR ANTIPATHIES.

Lamothe-Lemaire could not endure the sound of any instrument, and yet he experienced the most exquisite pleasure in the noise of thunder. Caesar could not bear the crowing of the cock without shuddering. The Lord Chancellor Bacon fell into a swoon whenever there was an eclipse of the moon.

Mary de Medici could not endure the sight of a rose, not even in painting, although she was very fond of every other kind of flowers. The Duke d'Eprenon fainted at the sight of a leveret. Marshal d'Albret was taken ill at a public dinner on seeing the attendants serve up a young wild boar or a sucking pig. Henry III. could not remain alone in a room where there was a cat. Midasius, King of Poland, was uneasy and fled at the sight of apples. Scallie shuddered in every limb at beholding water-cresses. Erasmus could not smell fish without being thrown into a fever. An Englishman once expired from the impression that was made upon him by the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. Cardinal Henry de Cardona fell into a syncope from the smell of roses. Tycho Brahe sank down from weakness at the sight of a hare or fox. Cardonness at the sight of a hawk or falcon. Cardonness at the sight of a hawk or falcon. Cardonness at the sight of a hawk or falcon.

These singular antipathies are sometimes found in the sensations of infancy. A lady who was an admirer of paintings and engravings swooned when she met with pictures in a book. The reason of it she thus explained: "While she was very young her father one day perceived her turning over the books of his library to seek for pictures in them; he abruptly took them from her and told her in a severe tone of voice that there were in the books devils, which would strangle her if she dared to touch them."

These are common with parents, always producing injurious effects which cannot afterwards be destroyed.

A WORD TO SUNDAY LOUNGERS.—What miserable excuses men make for Sunday lounging! "Up till midnight, Saturday, posting books; must take the five o'clock train Monday morning; had to sleep over my morning Sunday school, and couldn't keep awake even in church." Yes, yes, my friend; but when does your week begin? Are you a Jew or a Christian? What do you say to reversing this order of things? Begin your week early Sunday morning.

Give your best thoughts to your class, put your whole soul into church worship in the sanctuary, carry the gospel to the poor and the neglected, give your best day's work to your Lord and Master; and then, if you sleep over the Monday morning train, let men take their turn in hearing the excuses you have so long made to God. "Couldn't help it; had to meet all my appointments on Sunday; that's the first day of my week; business is welcome to all the time and strength that is left. But I can't rest God for anybody else." You wouldn't have said a word of the kind if you had been a Jew or a Christian. The right way, and the Sabbath rest you can enjoy.

TACT.—Love swings on little hinges. It keeps an active little servant to do a great deal of its fine work. The name of the little servant is tact. Tact is nimble-footed and quick fingered; tact sees without looking; tact has always a good deal of small change on hand; tact carries no heavy weapons, but can do wonders with a sling and stone; tact never runs its head against a stone wall; tact always spies a sycamore tree up which to climb when things are becoming crowded and unmanageable on the level ground; tact has a cunning way of availing itself of a word, or a smile, or a gracious wave of the hand; tact carries a bunch of curious-fashioned keys which can turn all sorts of locks; tact plants its monosyllables wisely, for being a monosyllable itself, it arranges its own order with all familiarity of friendship; tact governs the great world, yet touches the big baby under the impression that it has not been touched at all.

TO KEEP MILK SWEET FOR A YEAR.—Put sweet, fresh milk into a clean bottle, set the bottle into a kettle or saucpan of cold water, so that the water is even with the milk in the bottle. Bring this to a brisk boil. Then cork tightly. Cover the cork with sealing wax. The milk thus prepared will keep sweet any length of time in a moderately cool place.

The editor of an exchange says he wishes no bodily harm to his subscribers, but he hopes that some who are in arrears will be seized with remittent fever.

Cooling is well enough before marriage, but the billing doesn't come until after; and then it comes from the tradesman.

Who ever heard of slandering a bad man? Who ever heard of counterfeiting a bad note? Slander as a rule, is the revenge of a coward. It is generally the best people who are injured in this way. As Swift says, it is the best fruit that the birds have pecked at. Slander, like envy, soars upwards.

When a boy falls and peels the skin off his nose, the first thing he does is to get up and yell. When a girl tumbles and hurts herself badly, the first thing she does is to get up and look at her dress.

Never try to flit off the edges of a sharp flight of steps by sliding down them on your back.

The Baby.

Where did you come from, baby dear?
Out of the everywhere into the here.
Where did you get your eyes so blue?
Out of the sky as I came through.
What makes the light in them sparkle and spin?
Some of the starry spikes left in.
Where did you get that little tear?
I found it waiting when I got here.
What makes your forehead so smooth and high?
A soft hand stroked it as I went by.
What makes your cheek like a warm white rose?
Something better than any one knows.
Where did you get those dimples of bliss?
Three angels gave me at once a kiss.
Where did you get that pearly ear?
God spoke, and it came out to hear.
Where did you get those arms and hands?
Love made itself into hooks and bands.
How did you all just come to be you?
God thought about me, and so I grew.
But how did you come to us, you dear?
God thought of you, and so I am here.
—George Macdonald.

A NEW PARTY WORD BOOK.

All remarkable and respectable people—Ourselves.
Everybody—That portion of the community, small or great, which sides with us.
Nobody—Everybody who holds or expresses opinions antagonistic to ours.

The opinion of the country—This is arrived at by an exceedingly simple arithmetical process, namely, by subtracting the views of "nobody" (in the above sense) from those of "everybody" (as before defined).

Common sense—The opinion common to all those who agree with us.
Patriotism—Our views of the interests and duties (especially the former) of our country. Of this quality we have, from the very necessity of the case, an exclusive monopoly. A claim to any share in it on the part of others may be described indifferently as "blind philanthropy," "mischievous humanitarianism," or "bigoted fanaticism."

Well meaning but misguided people—Persons whom it may be desirable to depreciate but impolitic to abuse.
Spouting—A depreciatory epithet for all talk but our own.

Faction—Departure from our pet program.
The herd.—The world minus our clique.
Intelligent public spirit—Open advocacy of our views.

Fatuous fussiness—Public advocacy of any others.
Atrocity—Venal errors on the part of our clients.
Ferocity—The indignation of those who dare to denounce them.

Sentiment—The root of all—political—evil.
NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN.

Socrates, at an extreme age, learned to play on musical instruments.
Cato, at 80 years of age, learned to study the Greek language.

Plutarch, when between 70 and 80, commenced the study of Latin.
Boccaccio was 36 years of age when he commenced his studies in light literature, yet he became one of the greatest masters of the Tuscan dialect—Dante and Plutarch being the other two.

Sir Henry Spellman neglected the sciences in his youth, but commenced the study of them when he was between 50 and 60 years of age. After this time he became a most learned antiquarian and lawyer.

Dr. Johnson applied himself to the Dutch language but a few years before his death.
Ludovico Monaldesco, at the great age of 115, wrote the memoirs of his own times.

Ogilby, the translator of Homer and Virgil, was unacquainted with Latin and Greek until he was past 50.
Franklin did not fully commence his philosophical pursuits till he had reached his 50th year.

Dryden, in his 68th year, commenced the translation of the Iliad, his most pleasing production.

We could go on and cite thousands of examples of men who commenced a new study, either for livelihood or amusement, at an advanced age. But every one familiar with the biography of distinguished men will recollect individual cases enough to convince him that none but the sick and indolent will ever say, "I am too old to learn."

TEACHING THE BABY.

You must teach your baby just where he is now, not much more than a little animal, and educate his physical nature, so rapidly developing. For instance, he has just reached the climbing age; every chair and stool is a worry to you, and a pair of stairs a perpetual terror. Now show him how to get up and down the stairs, how to place his feet in climbing up into chairs. Let him tumble a little; it will make him more careful. It is but a foretaste of the hard schooling which experience gives us all our lives. Better a little fall with you close by to stop it at the right place, than a great one when you are "off guard" some day.

But I beg of you, if you want to see him grow up active, strong-limbed and agile, do not keep his white dresses too clean, nor tie his sashes after the present uncomfortable fashion, so that he isn't conscious of any legs above his knees. Then, let him feed himself. He'll make a miserable mess of it, at first, but protect him well with bib and cin tray, and he'll soon teach his spoon the way to his mouth. Let him burn his fingers a little some day, when the stove is not very hot; he won't touch it when it would be dangerous.

Scraper for Feb.

THE METRIC SYSTEM.—Educational reasons require us to adopt the metric system. Illiteracy is growing on us, in spite of all the money and effort we are expending. We find it impossible to do the needed work in the time we have in the schools. Those most familiar with the whole subject, after careful examination, report that the complete adoption of the metric system, to the exclusion of our so-called compound numbers, would save a year of the school-life of every child sent through our schools. This reason alone should lead us to incur, if necessary, a hundred times the trouble and expense that would be required in accepting the international measures.—N. E. Journal of Education.

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The editor of an exchange says he wishes no bodily harm to his subscribers, but he hopes that some who are in arrears will be seized with remittent fever.

Cooling is well enough before marriage, but the billing doesn't come until after; and then it comes from the tradesman.

Who ever heard of slandering a bad man? Who ever heard of counterfeiting a bad note? Slander as a rule, is the revenge of a coward. It is generally the best people who are injured in this way. As Swift says, it is the best fruit that the birds have pecked at. Slander, like envy, soars upwards.

When a boy falls and peels the skin off his nose, the first thing he does is to get up and yell. When a girl tumbles and hurts herself badly, the first thing she does is to get up and look at her dress.

Never try to flit off the edges of a sharp flight of steps by sliding down them on your back.

THE REGULATOR OF THE WEEK.

In an old farmhouse, for many years, had stood on the landing-place an eight-day clock; it struck the hours, it chimed the quarters. That old clock on the stairs had struck the hours when children were born, and when people died, Sabbath and week day, week in and week out; there was not a person in the house more important than that eight-day clock. It called up the servants, and it chimed them off to bed; it gave the law to all the household ways in summer and in winter, through the long winter nights as well as the bright summer mornings; in hay-time and in harvest-time; on the whole farm there was no more important character than that eight-day clock with its clear, regular, still beat or tick, tick, through the day and through the darkness. But at last somehow, they lost the key of the clock, and they could not get another; it ran down, and all things went wrong. They did not get up at the right time, they did not go to bed at the right time; they did not go to church, for the dairy and the farmyard, it was found that all things went wrong when the eight-day clock had run down and could not be wound up again. The Sabbath is the eight-day clock of life; all the things of the week seem to be wound up and ordered by this day of rest. If this goes wrong, if this key be lost, life seems to fall into confusion, loses its harmony, its order, its hope, and its restfulness.—Christian Weekly.

FAGOTS OF WISDOM.

It is quite impossible for a man to have God and gold both in his heart at the same time. People are generally very liberal in giving advice, but are as miserly in adopting it.

It is somewhat of a paradox that we grow more foolish and more wise as we grow older. Control your anger, or what is better, subdue it altogether. Anger always mismanages. Good manners are as much a part of virtue as is any other form of morality.

Keep your mind in use—perfectly occupied; it won't wear out, but it may rust out. Opposition never convinces, argument seldom does. Conviction is generally self-evident.

Insignificant people have usually the largest stock of pride, yet hate it in others. Is it not significant that money is not required to purchase any necessity of the soul? Esteem is the basis of all true love; any other sentiment is like alloy in pure metal.

There is one thing in which we are infinite—our desires; no man was yet content. Men and monkeys are imitative creatures, inclined to follow example, be it good or bad.

The Western boy who didn't get anything in his Christmas stocking, explained the matter thus to his comrades: "I'd have been all right only I couldn't stand sass. I think dad had a pair of skates for me; but when I went home that night he began to blow around and give me sass about not splitting any wood. I stood it as long as I could, and then I had to go for him. I told him just what I thought of his conduct, and then one of us left the house and hasn't been home since. I'm waiting for him to put a personal in the papers, saying, 'Come home, darling; all is forgiven,' and then I'll rush."

The merry jingle of the sleigh-bells, the sparkle of the crystal snow in the lambent light of the moon, and the confiding creature that nestles close to him beneath the buffalo robes, tenderly clasping her left hand in his while his right holds the reins, constitute the doting lover's soul and leave him in doubt whether to let go long enough to get his handkerchief out, or draw his coat sleeve across his nose.

Leap year is over. No more invitations out to balls and parties. No more having to say, "I will always love you like a sister, but I cannot be more to you." No more having slippers and pawpaws sent to you. No more girls feeling like going out West. No more men going out into the woods to hide. Everything calm and peaceful for another four years.

What shall I give? To the hungry, give food; to the naked, clothes; to the sick, some comfort; to the sad, a word of consolation; to all you meet, a smile and a cheery greeting. Give forgiveness to your enemies; give patience to the fretful; give love to your household; and above all, give your hearts to God.

God purifies the soul very much as we air our rooms. He throws open all the windows—the windows of feeling, of impulse, of imagination, of purpose—and sends a strong current of vitalizing grace sweeping through them, until every element of our nature is re-oxygenized and made healthy and bright.

A small dish of charcoal placed in your meat larder will keep the articles sweet and wholesome almost as well as ice. Charcoal is a great disinfectant. Occasionally for cleaning the stomach, it will sweeten the breath when nothing else will do so.

Man is strong—woman is beautiful. Man is daring and confident—woman is diffident and unassuming. Man is great in action—woman in suffering. Man shines abroad—woman at home. Man talks to convince—woman to persuade and please.

A western paper, in describing an accident recently, says, with much candor: "Dr. Jones was called, and under his prompt and skillful treatment the young man died on Wednesday night."

Profanity never did any man the least good. No man is richer, or happier, or wiser for it. It commands no one to society; it is disgusting to the refined, and abominable to the good.

"Phat a blessing it is," says a hard working Emerald, "that night ever comes on until late in the day, when a man is tired and can't work any more, at all at all."

An Iowa paper speaks of a man having been lynched "for burning the barn and contents of his son-in-law." Any man who will burn the contents of his son-in-law ought to be lynched.

"Say, mister," said a newsboy to a man with a high shirt collar, "how do you manage to spit over that collar? Do you use a ladder?"

It is worth while to learn to say no; but it is not worth while to snap it out, dog-fashion.

The best thing out—a conflagration.

It is seldom that a person has an opportunity of seeing the Chickering, Steinway and Weber pianos side by side, and comparing the respective merits of these three leading instruments, as can be done any day at the piano rooms of Mrs. M. J. D. Hutchins in Springfield, an inestimable advantage to any one who desires to "get the best." Mrs. Hutchins possesses superior facilities for handling all kinds of musical merchandise, and her elegant store in the Third National Bank building is supplied with a large stock of the newest and best goods in the market.

Our readers will find a rare chance to purchase dry goods in Springfield for the next three weeks. A bankrupt sale is announced in another column, and the prices will be so very low that it will be worth while to go there.

Lovers of good gardens will want to get some good seeds. These they will be sure of by addressing E. W. Clarke, seedsman and florist, 311 Main street, Springfield, Mass., for a copy of his new catalogue, sent free.

Prosperity follows good work. It has overtaken the best upholsterer in Springfield, Thomas Burgh & Son, who have just fitted up their rooms on Bliss street. They are receiving orders from quite a distance. They make Lambrequins of unique design; also window shades. The awnings of a large number of stores on Main street in that city are from their shops. In the summer they make many tents for sale or to let. For fine upholstery work, well made and durable, there is no better place in Springfield.

Dr. A. J. Flagg's Cough and Lung Syrup is daily working its cures and raising patients from their beds who have been given up to die by their physicians. Almost every day Dr. Flagg is receiving complimentary letters bearing testimony to the curative properties of this great remedy.

Do not madly risk Consumption when a few drops of "Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar" will inevitably cure coughs, colds, catarrh, influenza, and every other ailment leading to that awful malady. Sold by all Druggists.

Pike's Toothache Drops cure in 1 minute. 4w48

Dealers and consumers who would like to purchase produce, poultry, butter, cheese, eggs, or baled hay in the quantity, should be sure to call at D. W. Palmer & Co's., 5 Hillman St., Springfield, where they will find a new wholesale and retail house, and prices are said to be lower than at any other place in the city. 4w48

LYON'S KATHARON prevents the hair from falling out or turning gray, renews its growth, and gives strength and vigor. It is delightfully perfume, and makes a splendid dressing. It is the cheapest and most desirable Hair Tonic ever produced. Used by the elite. Price only 50 cents. 1y3-26

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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Our exchanges are filled with accounts of most wonderful cures effected by Dr. GAGE'S "MEDICAL WONDER." It is said to be the greatest vitalizer yet discovered, giving buoyancy to the spirits, elasticity to the step, and making the invalid hearty, courageous and strong. It cures all diseases of the liver, stomach, kidneys and spleen; scrofula and all blood diseases; cures nervous prostration and weakness of either sex, restoring tone and vigor to the whole system. Read the following cures: Prof. H. A. WILSON, Saratoga, N.Y., widely known as Principal of one of our leading institutions of learning, says that his wife has used the "Medical Wonder" for a complete cure of disease with the most happy effect. None other touched her case. NORMAN HUNT, Shields Corners, N.Y., wonderful cure of dyspepsia and heart disease. Mrs. J. S. APPLETON, Hillsboro, N.H., spinal disease. Mrs. Z. A. WHITE, Sheds Corners, N.Y., terrible scrofula and kidney disease, gained 40 lbs. GEO. HAINES, Oneida, cured of terrible catarrh. ALBERT TRUESDALE, Simeon, N.H., lousidism scrofula; supplied to be in consumption; cured. A. H. HANLEY, Saratoga, says that "Medical Wonder" gave him health, strength and appetite. Rev. O. J. WATT, Franklin, N.H., with afflicted liver and kidney complaints, neuralgia, &c. Mrs. C. P. ORDWAY, Concord, N.H., confined to bed with female and kidney disease; cured. "No space for 1000 other cures." Ask your druggist for "Medical Wonder," and be cured. Prepared by Dr. GAGE & Co., Saratoga, N.Y. Sold by G. H. Appleton, Palmer. 1y38

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BORN.

At Palmer, 11th, a son to C. W. CROSS.
At Thorndike, 18th, a son to DENNIS HANSON.
At Monson, 20th, a son to GEORGE B. and ELLEN WALKER.
At Ware, 19th, a son to H. C. DAVIS, Esq., 20th, a daughter to FRANCIS BLAIR; 21st, a daughter to E. R. STURDEVANT.
At Springfield, 19th, a daughter to GEO. PIERCE.
At Chicopee Falls, 19th, a daughter to F. H. MORRISON.
At Belchertown, 14th, a daughter to GEORGE E. SANFORD.
At Granby, 17th, a son to NORMAN CHAPIN.
At Greenfield, 11th, a daughter (Emily Louise) to Prof. JOSEPH CARLHART of Ashbury University, formerly of Wilbraham.

MARRIED.

At Northampton, 20th, WILLIAM L. LADD of Holyoke and M. DIOGENE MEEKINS of South Amherst.

DIED.

At Ware, 11th, MABELLE C., 4 years 7 months, daughter of John T. and Abigail C. Smith.
At Ware, 18th, Mrs. ZIDA WOODS, 74; 21st, JULIA N. SMITH, 25.
At Monson, 20th, BRIDGET O'DAY, 46.
At Greenfield, 17th, TIMOTHY JAMES, 85.
At Collins Depot, 17th, MIRIAM, wife of Warren Collins, 68.
At Southbridge, 12th, LUTHER EDWARDS, 94.
At North Amherst, 13th, CHARLES FREDERICK, son of Harrison and R. Diana Ingraham, 10.
At Amherst, 9th, HOMER CURTIS, only child of Isaac and Mary E. King, 6.

TAKE NOTICE.—

Call on G. A. ENGLISH 1m48

DR. C. T. STOCKWELL, Dentist. Office

374 Main street, Shaw's Block, Springfield, Mass. Residence, Chicopee Falls. 1y48

NOTICE.—I have this day given my son,

James Connor, his time, and shall not collect any of his earnings nor pay any debts he may contract. BRIDGET CONNOR. 3w48

YEAST! YEAST!!

I have commenced peddling YEAST in the villages of PALMER, THREE RIVERS, THORNDIKE and MONSON.
Parties in want of GOOD YEAST can now be supplied at the door by CHARLES CLEE. 1w48

FOR SALE OR TO RENT!

The FARM IN THIS VILLAGE belonging to Mrs. Laura A. Parks.
For further particulars inquire of W. R. Parks, Palmer, or Mrs. L. A. PARKS, Monson. 48tf

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In First-Class and all other grades of

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Instruments exchanged, sold on easy

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Five building lots with frontage toward the new road, and one building lot with frontage on both roads, located between the Brainerd and Upham farms. Apply to W. CRITCHTON, near Blanchardville school house, Palmer, Mass. 48tf

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J. D. PIERCE, - - Auctioneer.

The Stock of a New York Wholesale Im-

porting House

AT AUCTION!

LARGE BANKRUPT SALE OF

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Consisting in part of the stock of the late R. M.

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IMPORTANT to the TRADE and PUBLIC.

OVER \$84,000 WORTH OF FOREIGN and

DOMESTIC DRY GOODS

AT AUCTION,

At the large and spacious store,

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Commencing Saturday, Feb. 24, 1877.

A large consignment of FOREIGN and DOMESTIC

DRY GOODS, consisting of West of England, French and German Broad and Narrow Woolen

Cloths of all shades and colors, French, English and Scotch Fancy Tweeds and Cassimeres; Fur-

ber, Vests, Cloakings, &c. Also, Scotch, French and German Paisley Cashmere, Quince, Otoman

Lace, and other fashionable and desirable

Shawls, Swiss Nottingham Laces, &c., &c.

DRESS GOODS

in great variety, such as Heavy Black and Colored

Silks, Satins, Irish and Lyons Poplins, all-wool

Merinos, Delaines, Sateen Cloths, Serges, elegant

imported Plaids, Alpaca, Empress Cloths, &c.,

very rich and rare assortment of Lyons Silk

Velvets, Velveteens, and fine Plush Suitings,

Prints, Bleached and Unbleached Cottons from one

to three yards wide, a large line of English and

American Hosiery, Flannels, Ladies' Gents' and

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very choice and well-selected stock of Velvet,

Brussels, Axminster, Tapestry and Ingrain

CARPETINGS, RUGS, &c., &c.,

from medium to finest imported. Marcellines and

Turkish Quins, and a variety of other goods too

numerous to mention.

Sales to continue from day to day until the

entire stock is disposed of. The whole to be sold

without reserve, in lots to suit, all for cash.

The above large and well-selected stock must be

sold regardless of price in order to make settle-

ments with the creditors.

SALES COMMENCE DAILY at 10 a.m., 2 p.m.,

and 7.30 p.m. 4w48

NOTICE is hereby given that the sub-

scriber has been duly appointed executor of

the will of Keyes Foster, late of Palmer,

in the county of Hampden, deceased; and has

taken upon himself that trust, by giving bonds

upon the estate of said deceased as required to

exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said

estate are called upon to make payment to

HARRIET A. LAWRENCE, Executrix.

Palmer, Feb. 19, 1877. 3w48

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-

SETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.

To all persons interested in the estate of Ariel

Special Clearing Sale

—OF—

COTTONS!

—(OF)—

FORBES & WALLACE,

Offer Fifty (50) Packages of

Bleached & Unbleached Cottons

At Unprecedented LOW PRICES!

We shall at this time sell Cottons by the piece or

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than the same goods can be bought to-

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Cottons have advanced, and we advise our

friends to buy what Cottons they are likely to

need for the next year to come, now; MON-

DAY CAN BE SAVED by doing so.

WE HAVE JUST OPENED A

WAGON LOAD OF NEW

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Best Quality, 64 cents. Choice New Styles,

8 cents.

Dress Goods! Dress Goods!

100 pieces ENGLISH DIAGONALS

In Spring Shades, at 20 cents, worth 33 cents!

Very desirable. Very cheap.

A manufacturer's stock of

CORSETS, CORSETS,

At 50 cents on the dollar. Corsets at 25 cents,

worth 50 cents. Corsets at 30 cents, worth 75 cents.

FRENCH CORSETS, elegantly embroidered, at

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CASH STORE.

We have just opened at 59 Main street, a fresh

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GROCERIES,

Flour, Provisions,

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Which we propose to sell CHEAP

FOR CASH ONLY!

We are going to do a STRICTLY CASH BUSI-

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AND WE SHALL DO IT!

CALL AND SEE US AND LEARN OUR

PRICES!

SMITH & CO.

Palmer, Feb. 8th, 1877. 59 Main Street. 3m46

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-

SETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.

To the heirs-at-law next of kin, and all other per-

sons interested in the estate of Abigail King,

late of Monson, in said county, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be

the last will and testament of said deceased, has

been presented to said court for Probate by Solo-

mon C. Spelman, who prays that letters testa-

mentary may be issued to him, the executor

therein named.

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court

to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hamp-

den, on the first Tuesday of March next, at nine

o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any

you have, against the same.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give pub-

lic notice thereof, by publishing this citation once

a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspa-

per called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer,

in said county, the last publication to be two days

at least before said court, and by mailing a copy

hereof to each of said next of kin as may result

from the said Commonwealth, fourteen days at least

before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of

said court, this nineteenth day of February, in the

year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-

seven.

SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

Copy. Attest: SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register. 3w47

TURNER HOMESTEAD.

It is offered off suitable for occupancy by either

one or two families. The house is on a good "four-

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Palmer, Feb. 14th, 1877. 48tf

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Manufacturers' Cost!

Take this opportunity of introducing them

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On Saturday, Feb. 3d,

They will open with a Large Stock of

CLOTHING,

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Which they will offer

At Prices as Low and Lower

Than can be found in

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WE CALL ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

Our Stock is ENTIRELY

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ed arrangements by which we

can obtain a decided advantage

over market prices. With these

advantages, coupled with a thor-

ough knowledge of both the

wholesale and retail business, we

confidently believe we can merit

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Figures Will Tell.

PLEASE EXAMINE OUR GOODS

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FIGURES AT PRICES THAT WILL IN-

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SATISFACTION GUARANTEED OR

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Palmer, Feb. 1

